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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Introduction

This publication contains estimates of the civilian labour force for the year 1979 together with some estimates for earlier periods. The estimates have been derived from the population survey which, since February 1978, has been conducted monthly.

2. Tables 6, 7, 17, 19 and 47 contain monthly estimates for periods earlier than 1979. These estimates became available from February 1978 or later but were not included in the previous issue of this publication because that issue generally contained estimates that were available from August 1966. Annual averages for 1978 and 1979 are shown in some tables.

3. Although emphasis in the survey is placed on the regular collection of data on demographic and labour force characteristics of the population (i.e. through the labour force survey), supplementary surveys of particular aspects of the labour force or of other subjects are carried out from time to time. Statistics from supplementary surveys are issued in publications which are available free on request. A list of titles is given on page 92.

## The population survey

4. The survey is currently based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews for monthly surveys generally being conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week). Because of operational problems arising from the Christmas and New Year holidays, the December surveys generally commence a week earlier than usual (with most interviews being conducted during the second week) and the January surveys commence a week later than usual.

## Scope

5. The survey includes all persons aged fifteen years and over except :

- (a) members of the permanent defence forces
- (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations
- (c) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia, and
- (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

## Definitions

6. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his *actual activity* (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The following definitions relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey. Although the wording of these definitions of employed persons and unemployed persons is different to that adopted for the surveys conducted before February 1978, the changes were made mainly for clarity; they do not signify any change of substance in the definitions, which conform to the international standard definitions specified by the International Labour Organisation.

7. *Employed persons* comprise all those aged fifteen years and over, who during the survey week :

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for fifteen hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helper); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were : on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

8. The *employment/population ratio* for any group is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged fifteen years and over in the same group.

9. *Unemployed persons* are those aged fifteen years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and

- (a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and :
- (i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week);

- or (ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then;
- or (b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of that week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.
10. *Unemployed persons looking for first job* are those who had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job.
11. The *unemployment rate* for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.
12. *Duration of unemployment* is the period from the time the person began looking for work or was laid off to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration. *Average (mean) duration* is the duration obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been unemployed by the number of persons in that group. *Median duration* is the duration which divides unemployed persons into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose duration of unemployment is above the median and the other persons whose duration is below it. Medians are calculated from group data, linear interpolation being used within the group which contains the median.
13. *Unemployed persons classified by industry and occupation.* Unemployed persons are classified according to the industry and occupation of their last full-time job lasting two weeks or more in the two years before the survey.
14. The *labour force* comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined in paragraphs 7 and 9.
15. The *labour force participation rate* for any group is the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged fifteen years and over in the same group. Because it is not practicable to ascertain the birthplace of persons in institutions (who are classified as not in the labour force), labour force participation rates for persons classified by birthplace are calculated by using population estimates which exclude those in institutions.
16. *Full-time workers* are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. *Part-time workers* are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.
17. *Hours of work.* The figures of aggregate hours and of average hours refer to actual hours worked during the survey week, not hours paid for. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, injury, accident and industrial disputes; and stoppages of work due to bad weather, plant breakdown, etc. When hours of work are recorded fractions of an hour are disregarded and this results in slightly lower figures than would be the case if actual time worked was recorded. Persons stood down for the whole of the survey week without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment are regarded as employed and therefore are included (working no hours) in the calculation of average hours worked. Persons stood down in the survey week for reasons other than bad weather and plant breakdown and waiting to be called back to their job are regarded as unemployed and are therefore excluded from the calculation.
18. *Persons attending school* comprise those who, during the survey week, were enrolled full-time at secondary or high schools. Excluded are persons who were enrolled at universities, colleges of advanced education, technical colleges, other tertiary education institutions, and coaching and business schools. Persons attending school are classified as in the labour force if they were employed or unemployed as defined in paragraphs 7 and 9.
19. *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed'. This category includes persons who were keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution (school, university, etc.), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, inmates of institutions, trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons who during the survey week undertook only jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation, provided they had not actively looked for work in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and
- (a) in the survey week :
    - (i) were without a job, business or farm; or
    - (ii) had worked for less than one hour for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind; or
    - (iii) had worked for less than fifteen hours without pay in a family business or farm;
  - or (b) had been stood down without pay for four weeks or more up to the end of the survey week.
20. *Marital status.* Persons in the civilian population aged 15 years and over are classified as married or not married (other). The latter category includes persons who had never married or who were widowed or divorced.
21. *Annual averages.* Figures for 1978 are averages of eleven monthly estimates and those for 1979 are

averages of twelve monthly estimates, except for estimates classified by occupational status, industry and occupation, which are averages of the estimates for February, May, August and November.

#### Occupational status

22. Tables 20 to 23 show estimates of employed persons, obtained from the labour force survey, classified by occupational status, ie whether they were employers, self-employed persons, wage and salary earners (employees), or unpaid family helpers (who worked 15 hours or more in the survey week). These estimates are available only for February, May, August and November each year.

23. The estimates of wage and salary earners differ from estimates based on information obtained from employers' payrolls and published in *Civilian Employees, Australia* (6213.0) because of differences in definition and coverage, sources of information, methods of collection, and estimating procedures. Sampling variability in the survey estimates and non-sampling error in both series also account for some differences. Other points to be kept in mind are as follows:

- (i) Employees in agriculture and services to agriculture, and those employed in private households, are excluded from the payroll-based estimates but included in the labour force survey estimates.
- (ii) The payroll series relates to persons on payrolls for the last pay-period in the month whilst the labour force series generally refers to a period early in the month. (See paragraph 4.)
- (iii) The current data used to derive the estimates for the payroll series are obtained mainly from payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. The former are administrative records under the control of the various Commonwealth and State taxation authorities; hence the levels of exemption from tax and collection and other procedures may differ. Changes in any of these, particularly changes in the exemption limits, affect the continuity of the data source, and this in turn may affect the estimates.
- (iv) Recorded employment in the payroll series accounts for about 85 per cent of employees in the industries covered, and the remaining 15 per cent is estimated.
- (v) The population benchmarks used in calculating the labour force estimates are necessarily preliminary and are generally revised after each population census. Similarly, the benchmarks for the payroll series, obtained from population censuses and other censuses and surveys, are subject to periodic revision.
- (vi) In the labour force survey the information is generally obtained from only one occupant of each selected dwelling; hence some misreporting of occupational status is possible.
- (vii) The labour force estimates generally show larger variations in employment in the short-term than do the payroll-based estimates, but appear to be more reliable in the longer-term. On the other hand the payroll estimates provide more comprehensive and reliable statistics of employees classified by industry.

#### Classification of industry and occupation

24. Industry is classified according to the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification* (ASIC) 1978 edition for September 1979 and subsequent estimates. Prior to September 1979, the 1969 edition was used. Estimates of employed persons classified by industry and occupation are available only for February, May, August and November. Occupation is classified according to the *Classification and Classified List of Occupations*, Revised June 1976.

#### Population benchmarks

25. The population survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to conform to the independently estimated distribution of the population aged 15 years and over by age and sex. When first calculated, these independent estimates (benchmarks) are necessarily derived from incomplete information about population changes (deaths, internal and overseas migration) and can differ from estimates of the population subsequently published by the ABS. When major revisions are made to population estimates, consequential revisions are made to the benchmarks. For estimates of the population and other demographic statistics, reference should be made to the publication *Australian Demographic Statistics Quarterly* (3101.0).

#### Revision of series

26. Survey estimates are not revised for the usually small amendments of population benchmarks arising from new data on deaths and migration. Revisions are made, however, after each census and when population estimation bases are reviewed. Survey estimates back to August 1966 have been recalculated to conform to revised population estimates. The estimates take account of results of the 1966, 1971 and 1976 population censuses, including estimates of under-enumeration, and incorporate a revised method of measuring overseas migration gain (i.e. by excluding movements of less than one year's duration). For information concerning these population estimates for the period June 1971 to June 1977 see *Population and Vital Statistics: June Quarter 1977* (3212.0).

27. *The new sample and revised questionnaire.* Survey estimates for February 1978 and subsequent months have been obtained by using a new sample and



revised questionnaire. The new sample was selected in order to reflect the changes in the distribution of the population shown by the 1976 Population Census results. The questionnaire, which had undergone little change since 1960, except for the inclusion in 1975 of additional questions on job-seeking, was revised to provide more accurate and more detailed information concerning the labour force.

28. Copies of both the current questionnaire and the one previously used, together with a description of the main features of the questionnaire, are contained in *Information Paper: Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey* (6232.0).

29. Estimates for the period August 1966 to November 1977 have been revised in order to provide a series for earlier periods as comparable as possible with the February 1978 and later estimates. For periods prior to August 1976, detailed revised estimates are available only for August of each year. For February, May and November only broad revised aggregates (as in Table 2) are available. Revised estimates were published in the 1978 issue of this publication, which also contains information concerning the methods used in the revision.

#### Reliability of the estimates

30. Since the survey estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. An indication of the likely differences is given in the Technical Note, page 87.

#### Differences between population census and population survey estimates

31. The results of the 1976 population census show that labour force figures derived from the census differ from estimates derived from the population surveys of May and August 1976.

32. The labour force definition used in the population census is similar to that used in the survey. (See paragraphs 6 to 19.) However, evidence from census post-enumeration surveys indicates that the personal interview approach, as used in the population survey, tends to identify a larger number of persons as being in the labour force than does the filling in of the questions on the census schedule by the householder. In addition, the post-enumeration survey following the 1976 census showed an under-enumeration of the population of 2.71 per cent. It has not been possible to adjust the published census labour force figures for any under-enumeration.

33. In the 1971 and 1976 censuses the minor occupation group 'Architects, engineers, surveyors, professional' was limited solely to persons holding a university degree. Other persons describing themselves in professional terms but not holding a degree were classified to minor group (Draftsmen and technicians, n.e.c.). Information to enable this distinction to be made in the labour force surveys is not available.

34. These considerations should be borne in mind if comparisons are made between census and labour force survey estimates.

#### Seasonal adjustment

35. The move to the higher level of unemployment since 1974 appears to have been accompanied by shifts in the pattern of seasonal variation. For this reason the publication of seasonally adjusted figures of unemployment was suspended as from November 1977. The matter will be kept under review.

36. Seasonally adjusted quarterly estimates of employed persons, the labour force and labour force participation rates are available for each February, May, August and November and are shown in Table 11. Information on seasonal adjustment methods, etc., is contained in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1980* (1308.0). The seasonally adjusted figures are revised annually and current figures are published in February, May, August and November issues of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). Calculation of seasonally adjusted monthly figures is not yet possible.

#### Related publications

37. Users may also wish to refer to the following ABS publications.

*Unemployment Australia (Preliminary Estimates)* (6201.0) — issued monthly

*The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0) — issued monthly

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) — issued monthly

*Unemployment, Underemployment and Related Statistics, Australia, February 1978 to February 1980* (6236.0)

*The Labour Force, New South Wales* (6201.1) — issued quarterly

*The Labour Force, Victoria* (6201.2) — issued monthly

*The Labour Force, Queensland* (6201.3) — issued quarterly

*The Labour Force, South Australia* (6201.4) — issued quarterly

*Information Paper: Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey* (6232.0)

*Civilian Employees, Australia* (6213.0) — issued monthly

*Civilian Employees, Australia, June 1966 to June 1979* (6214.0)

*Labour Statistics, Australia, 1978* (6101.0)

Publications listed on page 92.

38. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0), which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

**Unpublished data**

39. Unpublished data may be available on request and inquiries should be made through the contacts listed at the top of the Contents page.

**Symbols and other usages**

- \* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 14, page 89.

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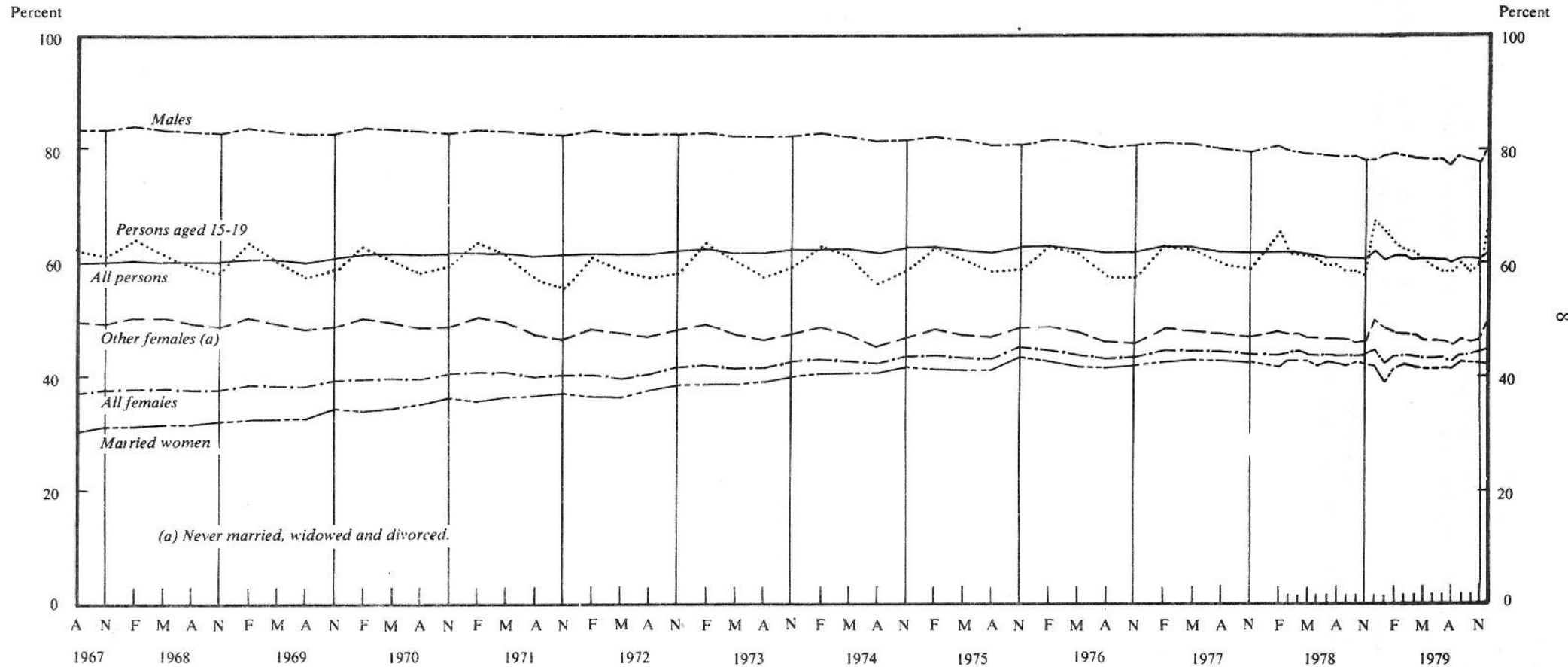
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40. Figures have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

# LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES

(THE LABOUR FORCE IN EACH GROUP AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER IN THE SAME GROUP)

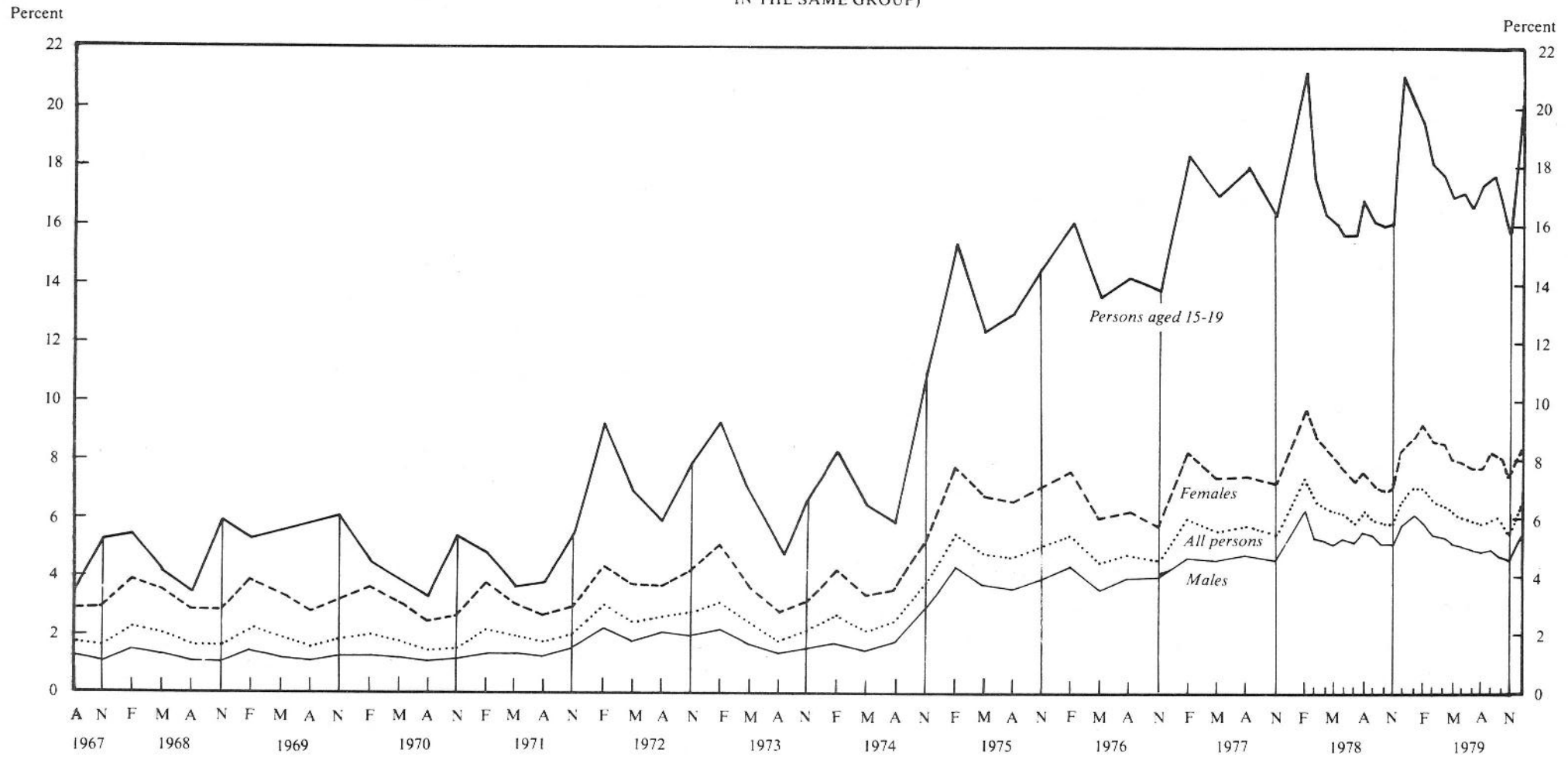


NOTE: From February 1978 the population survey has been conducted monthly. Previously, surveys were conducted in February, May, August and November each year.



# UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(THE UNEMPLOYED IN EACH GROUP AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE  
IN THE SAME GROUP)



NOTE: From February 1978 the population survey has been conducted monthly. Previously, surveys were conducted in February, May, August and November each year.

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Unemployed										
Employed	Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
	Aged 15-19 years looking for first job	Total								
	- '000 -									
- per cent -										
MARRIED MALES										
1978 (a)	2,732.4	*	76.1	*	79.1	2,811.5	579.7	3,391.2	2.8	82.9
1979 (b)	2,753.8	*	68.0	*	71.6	2,825.4	617.7	3,443.1	2.5	82.1
1979 -										
January	2,697.0	*	76.5	*	78.5	2,775.4	621.4	3,396.8	2.8	81.7
February	2,735.7	*	80.4	*	82.6	2,818.3	607.2	3,425.5	2.9	82.3
March	2,746.6	*	71.1	*	75.3	2,821.9	612.6	3,434.5	2.7	82.2
April	2,748.1	*	67.9	5.0	72.9	2,821.0	609.7	3,430.7	2.6	82.2
May	2,747.0	*	67.2	*	70.8	2,817.9	615.4	3,433.3	2.5	82.1
June	2,745.5	*	68.5	*	72.1	2,817.5	604.4	3,422.0	2.6	82.3
July	2,759.7	*	68.5	*	71.9	2,831.7	610.0	3,441.7	2.5	82.3
August	2,760.9	*	67.1	*	69.9	2,830.8	625.5	3,456.4	2.5	81.9
September	2,769.9	*	64.4	*	68.5	2,838.4	617.1	3,455.5	2.4	82.1
October	2,781.5	*	62.3	4.7	67.0	2,848.6	619.5	3,468.1	2.4	82.1
November	2,777.0	*	60.1	*	63.3	2,840.3	632.3	3,472.7	2.2	81.8
December	2,777.1	*	62.4	*	65.8	2,843.0	637.3	3,480.3	2.3	81.7
OTHER MALES										
1978 (a)	1,128.0	22.9	128.6	12.0	140.5	1,268.6	513.5	1,782.0	11.1	71.2
1979 (b)	1,162.9	25.6	129.6	11.6	141.1	1,304.0	513.1	1,817.1	10.8	71.8
1979 -										
January	1,172.3	42.4	158.7	12.9	171.6	1,343.8	477.6	1,821.4	12.8	73.8
February	1,157.9	33.0	149.1	10.1	159.2	1,317.1	484.8	1,801.8	12.1	73.1
March	1,157.6	24.1	135.5	12.4	147.9	1,305.4	498.7	1,804.2	11.3	72.4
April	1,159.3	25.6	134.2	10.1	144.4	1,303.7	510.9	1,814.6	11.1	71.8
May	1,161.2	22.0	130.5	9.3	139.8	1,301.0	517.0	1,818.0	10.7	71.6
June	1,164.1	19.5	124.3	9.6	133.9	1,298.0	535.4	1,833.4	10.3	70.8
July	1,151.1	18.1	119.7	10.0	129.6	1,280.7	539.7	1,820.4	10.1	70.4
August	1,143.6	19.8	115.7	10.6	126.2	1,269.8	542.4	1,812.2	9.9	70.1
September	1,169.4	21.2	120.3	12.7	133.1	1,302.5	517.7	1,820.2	10.2	71.6
October	1,149.4	23.2	115.8	13.1	128.9	1,278.3	537.7	1,816.0	10.1	70.4
November	1,154.1	20.0	111.3	9.2	120.5	1,274.6	545.3	1,819.9	9.5	70.0
December	1,215.1	38.5	139.7	18.6	158.3	1,373.4	450.0	1,823.5	11.5	75.3
TOTAL MALES										
1978 (a)	3,860.4	23.0	204.7	14.9	219.6	4,080.0	1,093.2	5,173.2	5.4	78.9
1979 (b)	3,916.8	25.7	197.6	15.1	212.7	4,129.5	1,130.8	5,260.2	5.2	78.5
1979 -										
January	3,869.2	42.4	235.2	14.8	250.0	4,119.3	1,098.9	5,218.2	6.1	78.9
February	3,893.6	33.0	229.5	12.3	241.8	4,135.4	1,091.9	5,227.3	5.8	79.1
March	3,904.2	24.1	206.6	16.5	223.1	4,127.4	1,111.3	5,238.6	5.4	78.8
April	3,907.4	25.6	202.1	15.1	217.2	4,124.6	1,120.6	5,245.2	5.3	78.6
May	3,908.3	22.0	197.7	13.0	210.6	4,118.9	1,132.4	5,251.3	5.1	78.4
June	3,909.6	19.7	192.8	13.2	206.0	4,115.6	1,139.8	5,255.4	5.0	78.3
July	3,910.8	18.1	188.2	13.4	201.6	4,112.4	1,149.7	5,262.1	4.9	78.2
August	3,904.5	20.0	182.8	13.3	196.1	4,100.7	1,167.9	5,268.6	4.8	77.8
September	3,939.3	21.2	184.7	16.9	201.6	4,140.9	1,134.7	5,275.7	4.9	78.5
October	3,930.9	23.2	178.1	17.8	195.9	4,126.8	1,157.2	5,284.1	4.7	78.1
November	3,931.2	20.0	171.5	12.4	183.8	4,115.0	1,177.6	5,292.6	4.5	77.8
December	3,992.3	38.5	202.2	22.0	224.2	4,216.4	1,087.4	5,303.8	5.3	79.5

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS – *continued*

Unemployed										
Looking for full-time work										
Employed	Aged 15-19 years looking for first job		Total	Looking for part-time work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
- '000 -										
- per cent -										
MARRIED WOMEN										
1978 (a)	1,357.3	*	44.0	31.8	75.8	1,433.2	1,975.6	3,408.8	5.3	42.0
1979 (b)	1,362.8	*	42.5	34.6	77.0	1,439.9	2,013.6	3,453.4	5.3	41.7
1979 -										
January	1,281.6	*	38.4	25.4	63.8	1,345.4	2,101.9	3,447.4	4.7	39.0
February	1,346.1	*	45.5	40.3	85.7	1,431.8	2,024.9	3,456.7	6.0	41.4
March	1,364.7	*	48.2	36.6	84.8	1,449.5	2,002.7	3,452.1	5.8	42.0
April	1,358.5	*	45.4	38.1	83.5	1,442.0	2,007.9	3,449.9	5.8	41.8
May	1,356.3	*	40.0	32.2	72.2	1,428.5	2,035.9	3,464.4	5.1	41.2
June	1,362.6	*	38.3	34.7	73.0	1,435.6	2,009.4	3,445.0	5.1	41.7
July	1,368.2	*	41.4	33.6	75.0	1,443.2	2,004.3	3,447.5	5.2	41.9
August	1,347.2	*	41.7	31.9	73.6	1,420.8	2,020.8	3,441.6	5.2	41.3
September	1,374.8	*	46.8	37.4	84.3	1,459.1	1,990.2	3,449.3	5.8	42.3
October	1,392.7	*	45.1	39.0	84.1	1,476.8	1,973.1	3,450.0	5.7	42.8
November	1,408.5	*	41.8	34.7	76.5	1,485.0	1,980.7	3,465.7	5.1	42.8
December	1,392.6	*	36.8	31.1	67.9	1,460.5	2,011.1	3,471.5	4.6	42.1
OTHER FEMALES										
1978 (a)	779.4	25.3	88.5	18.1	106.6	886.0	1,005.5	1,891.5	12.0	46.8
1979 (b)	795.5	30.4	97.4	17.6	115.0	910.4	1,027.9	1,938.4	12.6	47.0
1979 -										
January	789.1	44.3	117.5	14.8	132.3	921.4	979.2	1,900.6	14.4	48.5
February	779.3	35.8	106.8	19.6	126.4	905.7	994.7	1,900.4	14.0	47.7
March	792.7	30.6	98.8	18.3	117.1	909.8	1,003.8	1,913.5	12.9	47.5
April	790.5	29.9	98.9	17.2	116.1	906.6	1,019.3	1,925.9	12.8	47.1
May	778.7	28.5	97.5	16.3	113.8	892.5	1,025.4	1,917.9	12.7	46.5
June	785.4	26.8	92.4	17.8	110.2	895.7	1,046.0	1,941.7	12.3	46.1
July	788.6	24.0	89.9	16.1	106.0	894.5	1,051.9	1,946.5	11.8	46.0
August	789.7	24.8	88.5	15.6	104.1	893.8	1,065.6	1,959.4	11.6	45.6
September	804.0	27.5	91.5	19.1	110.6	914.6	1,045.0	1,959.6	12.1	46.7
October	801.7	24.9	88.4	19.3	107.7	909.4	1,058.2	1,967.5	11.8	46.2
November	810.9	22.5	83.3	17.1	100.3	911.2	1,049.5	1,960.8	11.0	46.5
December	835.1	44.9	114.8	20.0	134.8	969.9	996.4	1,966.4	13.9	49.3
TOTAL FEMALES										
1978 (a)	2,136.7	25.5	132.5	50.0	182.5	2,319.2	2,981.1	5,300.2	7.9	43.8
1979 (b)	2,158.3	30.7	139.8	52.2	192.0	2,350.3	3,041.5	5,391.8	8.2	43.6
1979 -										
January	2,070.7	45.3	155.9	40.2	196.1	2,266.8	3,081.1	5,347.9	8.7	42.4
February	2,125.4	36.1	152.2	59.9	212.1	2,337.5	3,019.6	5,357.1	9.1	43.6
March	2,157.4	30.8	146.9	54.9	201.8	2,359.2	3,006.5	5,365.7	8.6	44.0
April	2,149.0	30.0	144.2	55.3	199.5	2,348.5	3,027.2	5,375.7	8.5	43.7
May	2,135.0	28.9	137.5	48.5	186.0	2,321.0	3,061.3	5,382.3	8.0	43.1
June	2,148.0	27.2	130.7	52.6	183.3	2,331.3	3,055.4	5,386.7	7.9	43.3
July	2,156.8	24.3	131.3	49.7	181.0	2,337.7	3,056.2	5,394.0	7.7	43.3
August	2,136.9	25.2	130.1	47.5	177.7	2,314.6	3,086.4	5,401.0	7.7	42.9
September	2,178.8	27.7	138.3	56.6	194.9	2,373.7	3,035.2	5,408.9	8.2	43.9
October	2,194.4	25.1	133.5	58.4	191.8	2,386.2	3,031.3	5,417.5	8.0	44.0
November	2,219.4	22.7	125.1	51.7	176.8	2,396.2	3,030.2	5,426.4	7.4	44.2
December	2,227.7	45.6	151.6	51.1	202.7	2,430.4	3,007.5	5,437.9	8.3	44.7

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS – *continued*

Unemployed										
Looking for full-time work										
Aged 15-19 years looking for first job										
Employed	looking for first job	Total	Looking for part-time work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	
- '000 -					- per cent -					
PERSONS										
1978 (a)	5,997.2	48.4	337.1	64.9	402.1	6,399.2	4,074.2	10,473.5	6.3	61.1
1979 (b)	6,075.1	56.4	337.4	67.3	404.7	6,479.7	4,172.3	10,652.0	6.2	60.8
1979 -										
January	5,939.9	87.7	391.1	55.0	446.2	6,386.1	4,180.0	10,566.1	7.0	60.4
February	6,018.9	69.1	381.7	72.3	453.9	6,472.9	4,111.5	10,584.4	7.0	61.2
March	6,061.6	54.9	353.5	71.4	425.0	6,486.6	4,117.7	10,604.3	6.6	61.2
April	6,056.4	55.6	346.4	70.4	416.8	6,473.1	4,147.8	10,621.0	6.4	60.9
May	6,043.3	51.0	335.1	61.4	396.6	6,439.9	4,193.6	10,633.5	6.2	60.6
June	6,057.6	46.9	323.6	65.8	389.3	6,446.9	4,195.2	10,642.1	6.0	60.6
July	6,067.6	42.4	319.5	63.0	382.5	6,450.1	4,205.9	10,656.1	5.9	60.5
August	6,041.5	45.2	312.9	60.8	373.8	6,415.3	4,254.3	10,669.6	5.8	60.1
September	6,118.1	48.8	323.0	73.5	396.5	6,514.6	4,170.0	10,684.6	6.1	61.0
October	6,125.2	48.3	311.6	76.2	387.8	6,513.0	4,188.5	10,701.5	6.0	60.9
November	6,150.6	42.7	296.5	64.1	360.6	6,511.2	4,207.8	10,719.0	5.5	60.7
December	6,219.9	84.0	353.7	73.1	426.9	6,646.8	4,094.9	10,741.7	6.4	61.9

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

**TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS,  
STATES AND TERRITORIES**

	Employed	Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
		— '000 —							
NEW SOUTH WALES — MALES									
1978 (a)	1,345.3	71.2	5.4	76.5	1,421.8	403.1	1,824.8	5.4	77.9
1979 (b)	1,375.8	67.5	5.0	72.5	1,448.3	410.5	1,858.8	5.0	77.9
1979 —									
January	1,359.7	76.7	6.0	82.7	1,442.3	398.6	1,840.9	5.7	78.3
February	1,366.7	75.1	4.6	79.8	1,446.4	398.0	1,844.4	5.5	78.4
March	1,367.5	72.6	5.0	77.6	1,445.1	407.1	1,852.2	5.4	78.0
April	1,371.4	73.7	5.8	79.5	1,450.9	403.7	1,854.6	5.5	78.2
May	1,365.4	73.9	*	77.9	1,443.3	415.7	1,859.0	5.4	77.6
June	1,371.9	70.0	*	73.5	1,445.4	415.0	1,860.4	5.1	77.7
July	1,374.1	68.1	*	72.5	1,446.6	416.0	1,862.6	5.0	77.7
August	1,380.1	56.5	4.7	61.2	1,441.3	423.6	1,864.9	4.2	77.3
September	1,385.7	60.8	*	65.1	1,450.8	411.7	1,862.5	4.5	77.9
October	1,378.5	58.5	6.2	64.7	1,443.2	421.8	1,865.0	4.5	77.4
November	1,384.3	57.1	4.9	61.9	1,446.2	421.5	1,867.7	4.3	77.4
December	1,404.7	66.8	7.0	73.9	1,478.6	393.0	1,871.6	5.0	79.0
NEW SOUTH WALES — FEMALES									
1978 (a)	749.3	46.0	17.0	63.1	812.4	1,076.6	1,889.0	7.8	43.0
1979 (b)	750.0	44.7	16.8	61.5	811.5	1,111.2	1,922.7	7.6	42.2
1979 —									
January	721.9	49.1	14.9	64.0	785.9	1,119.7	1,905.6	8.1	41.2
February	735.6	49.6	19.3	68.9	804.5	1,104.6	1,909.0	8.6	42.1
March	746.8	47.0	18.8	65.8	812.6	1,102.3	1,914.9	8.1	42.4
April	742.0	48.9	17.3	66.2	808.1	1,110.6	1,918.6	8.2	42.1
May	735.6	47.5	14.6	62.1	797.7	1,123.3	1,921.1	7.8	41.5
June	742.1	42.5	17.2	59.7	801.8	1,120.7	1,922.5	7.4	41.7
July	752.9	41.8	18.2	60.1	812.9	1,112.1	1,925.0	7.4	42.2
August	737.0	42.0	13.6	55.6	792.6	1,134.8	1,927.4	7.0	41.1
September	759.9	42.4	16.7	59.1	819.0	1,108.8	1,927.8	7.2	42.5
October	768.3	41.2	18.1	59.3	827.6	1,102.8	1,930.4	7.2	42.9
November	780.5	39.4	16.6	56.1	836.6	1,096.6	1,933.1	6.7	43.3
December	777.3	45.3	16.2	61.6	838.8	1,097.8	1,936.7	7.3	43.3
NEW SOUTH WALES — PERSONS									
1978 (a)	2,094.6	117.2	22.4	139.6	2,234.2	1,479.7	3,713.9	6.2	60.2
1979 (b)	2,125.8	112.2	21.8	134.1	2,259.9	1,521.6	3,781.5	5.9	59.8
1979 —									
January	2,081.6	125.8	20.8	146.7	2,228.3	1,518.2	3,746.5	6.6	59.5
February	2,102.3	124.7	23.9	148.6	2,250.9	1,502.5	3,753.5	6.6	60.0
March	2,114.3	119.6	23.8	143.4	2,257.7	1,509.4	3,767.1	6.4	59.9
April	2,113.3	122.6	23.1	145.7	2,259.0	1,514.1	3,773.2	6.4	59.9
May	2,101.0	121.5	18.6	140.1	2,241.1	1,539.0	3,780.1	6.3	59.3
June	2,114.1	112.5	20.7	133.2	2,247.2	1,535.7	3,782.9	5.9	59.4
July	2,127.0	109.9	22.6	132.6	2,259.6	1,528.1	3,787.6	5.9	59.7
August	2,117.1	98.5	18.4	116.8	2,233.9	1,558.3	3,792.2	5.2	58.9
September	2,145.6	103.3	21.0	124.3	2,269.8	1,520.5	3,790.3	5.5	59.9
October	2,146.8	99.7	24.3	124.0	2,270.9	1,524.5	3,795.4	5.5	59.8
November	2,164.8	96.5	21.5	118.0	2,282.8	1,518.0	3,800.8	5.2	60.1
December	2,182.0	112.2	23.3	135.5	2,317.5	1,490.8	3,808.2	5.8	60.9

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, STATES AND TERRITORIES — *continued*

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
				— '000 —				— per cent —	
VICTORIA — MALES									
1978 (a)	1,041.8	44.5	*	48.5	1,090.4	285.7	1,376.1	4.5	79.2
1979 (b)	1,051.4	45.6	*	49.6	1,101.0	297.8	1,398.7	4.5	78.7
1979 —									
January	1,032.2	53.4	*	55.9	1,088.1	298.0	1,386.1	5.1	78.5
February	1,041.1	53.2	*	56.4	1,097.4	291.0	1,388.4	5.1	79.0
March	1,048.1	44.4	*	48.8	1,096.9	296.9	1,393.8	4.4	78.7
April	1,049.4	43.9	*	47.6	1,097.0	298.6	1,395.6	4.3	78.6
May	1,050.5	42.6	*	46.6	1,097.0	299.8	1,396.8	4.2	78.5
June	1,050.5	42.7	*	46.4	1,096.9	300.6	1,397.5	4.2	78.5
July	1,048.7	41.4	*	45.0	1,093.7	305.5	1,399.1	4.1	78.2
August	1,044.0	46.1	*	49.5	1,093.4	307.2	1,400.6	4.5	78.1
September	1,058.6	45.6	5.5	51.1	1,109.7	294.2	1,403.9	4.6	79.0
October	1,055.7	44.6	4.9	49.5	1,105.2	300.4	1,405.6	4.5	78.6
November	1,058.4	42.3	*	45.3	1,103.7	304.1	1,407.7	4.1	78.4
December	1,080.1	46.8	5.8	52.6	1,132.6	276.9	1,409.6	4.6	80.4
VICTORIA — FEMALES									
1978 (a)	588.7	35.0	13.8	48.8	637.5	786.9	1,424.3	7.7	44.8
1979 (b)	602.9	35.1	15.3	50.4	653.3	793.8	1,447.1	7.7	45.1
1979 —									
January	583.2	41.1	8.0	49.2	632.4	803.2	1,435.6	7.8	44.1
February	603.4	35.6	17.9	53.5	656.8	781.1	1,438.0	8.1	45.7
March	610.3	36.0	13.7	49.7	660.0	781.4	1,441.4	7.5	45.8
April	606.8	34.6	18.1	52.7	659.4	784.2	1,443.7	8.0	45.7
May	602.4	31.0	13.3	44.4	646.7	798.4	1,445.1	6.9	44.8
June	596.2	33.0	15.4	48.4	644.6	801.2	1,445.8	7.5	44.6
July	595.5	32.8	14.3	47.0	642.6	804.9	1,447.5	7.3	44.4
August	595.0	31.3	14.6	45.9	640.9	808.2	1,449.2	7.2	44.2
September	601.5	39.3	18.6	57.9	659.4	792.1	1,451.5	8.8	45.4
October	604.3	35.9	18.4	54.3	658.6	795.0	1,453.6	8.2	45.3
November	618.6	32.7	17.6	50.3	668.9	786.9	1,455.8	7.5	45.9
December	617.5	37.5	13.8	51.3	668.8	789.3	1,458.1	7.7	45.9
VICTORIA — PERSONS									
1978 (a)	1,630.5	79.5	17.9	97.3	1,727.9	1,072.5	2,800.4	5.6	61.7
1979 (b)	1,654.3	80.7	19.3	99.9	1,754.3	1,091.6	2,845.8	5.7	61.6
1979 —									
January	1,615.5	94.6	10.5	105.1	1,720.5	1,101.2	2,821.7	6.1	61.0
February	1,644.4	88.9	21.0	109.9	1,754.3	1,072.1	2,826.4	6.3	62.1
March	1,658.4	80.4	18.1	98.5	1,756.9	1,078.3	2,835.2	5.6	62.0
April	1,656.2	78.5	21.7	100.2	1,756.4	1,082.8	2,839.2	5.7	61.9
May	1,652.8	73.7	17.3	90.9	1,743.8	1,098.2	2,841.9	5.2	61.4
June	1,646.7	75.7	19.1	94.8	1,741.5	1,101.8	2,843.2	5.4	61.2
July	1,644.2	74.2	17.9	92.0	1,736.3	1,110.4	2,846.6	5.3	61.0
August	1,639.0	77.4	18.0	95.3	1,734.4	1,115.4	2,849.8	5.5	60.9
September	1,660.1	84.9	24.1	109.0	1,769.1	1,086.2	2,855.3	6.2	62.0
October	1,660.0	80.5	23.3	103.8	1,763.8	1,095.4	2,859.2	5.9	61.7
November	1,677.0	75.0	20.6	95.6	1,772.6	1,090.9	2,863.5	5.4	61.9
December	1,697.6	84.3	19.6	103.9	1,801.4	1,066.2	2,867.6	5.8	62.8

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, STATES AND TERRITORIES - *continued*

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
				- '000 -				- per cent -	
QUEENSLAND - MALES									
1978 (a)	577.6	36.5	*	38.5	616.1	171.5	787.7	6.2	78.2
1979 (b)	588.0	30.6	*	32.9	620.9	179.8	800.6	5.3	77.6
1979 -									
January	583.2	39.7	*	41.6	624.9	170.3	795.2	6.7	78.6
February	581.7	38.7	*	39.9	621.6	174.8	796.4	6.4	78.1
March	583.4	34.4	*	36.8	620.2	175.1	795.2	5.9	78.0
April	586.9	31.9	*	34.2	621.1	175.1	796.2	5.5	78.0
May	590.8	28.9	*	30.9	621.7	175.4	797.0	5.0	78.0
June	587.8	30.9	*	32.7	620.5	178.1	798.5	5.3	77.7
July	587.4	27.1	*	29.4	616.7	183.0	799.7	4.8	77.1
August	586.0	25.9	*	28.3	614.4	186.5	800.8	4.6	76.7
September	590.5	26.8	*	29.9	620.4	184.2	804.6	4.8	77.1
October	596.6	24.8	*	27.8	624.4	181.7	806.1	4.4	77.5
November	589.1	25.3	*	27.0	616.1	191.7	807.8	4.4	76.3
December	592.7	32.7	*	35.9	628.6	181.5	810.1	5.7	77.6
QUEENSLAND - FEMALES									
1978 (a)	300.9	20.1	7.0	27.1	328.0	472.6	800.6	8.3	41.0
1979 (b)	304.1	22.5	7.8	30.3	334.4	481.1	815.5	9.1	41.0
1979 -									
January	281.5	28.2	7.0	35.2	316.7	491.8	808.5	11.1	39.2
February	292.5	27.2	8.6	35.8	328.3	481.4	809.7	10.9	40.5
March	298.1	26.8	8.4	35.2	333.3	476.3	809.6	10.6	41.2
April	298.9	25.2	8.3	33.5	332.4	479.0	811.4	10.1	41.0
May	298.7	21.7	8.2	29.9	328.5	483.9	812.4	9.1	40.4
June	307.3	20.8	9.1	29.8	337.1	476.5	813.6	8.9	41.4
July	305.8	21.5	6.7	28.2	334.0	480.9	814.8	8.4	41.0
August	306.9	18.6	7.0	25.6	332.5	483.6	816.1	7.7	40.7
September	313.5	18.9	7.5	26.4	339.9	480.0	819.9	7.8	41.5
October	318.2	18.2	8.3	26.5	344.7	476.8	821.5	7.7	42.0
November	312.8	19.2	6.3	25.6	338.3	484.9	823.2	7.6	41.1
December	315.4	24.1	8.0	32.1	347.5	478.1	825.6	9.2	42.1
QUEENSLAND - PERSONS									
1978 (a)	878.5	56.7	9.0	65.6	944.1	644.2	1,588.3	6.9	59.4
1979 (b)	892.2	53.1	10.1	63.2	955.3	660.9	1,616.2	6.6	59.1
1979 -									
January	864.8	67.9	8.9	76.8	941.6	662.1	1,603.6	8.2	58.7
February	874.2	65.9	9.8	75.7	949.9	656.2	1,606.1	8.0	59.1
March	881.5	61.2	10.8	72.0	953.5	651.4	1,604.9	7.6	59.4
April	885.8	57.1	10.6	67.7	953.5	654.1	1,607.6	7.1	59.3
May	889.4	50.6	10.2	60.8	950.2	659.3	1,609.5	6.4	59.0
June	895.1	51.6	11.0	62.6	957.6	654.5	1,612.1	6.5	59.4
July	893.2	48.6	8.9	57.5	950.7	663.8	1,614.5	6.1	58.9
August	893.0	44.5	9.4	53.9	946.8	670.1	1,616.9	5.7	58.6
September	904.0	45.6	10.7	56.3	960.3	664.1	1,624.4	5.9	59.1
October	914.8	43.0	11.3	54.3	969.1	658.5	1,627.6	5.6	59.5
November	901.9	44.6	8.0	52.5	954.4	676.6	1,631.1	5.5	58.5
December	908.1	56.8	11.2	67.9	976.1	659.6	1,635.7	7.0	59.7

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS,  
STATES AND TERRITORIES – *continued*

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemploy- ment rate	Particip- ation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
		- '000 -							
SOUTH AUSTRALIA - MALES									
1978 (a)	353.9	23.9	*	25.3	379.2	95.6	474.7	6.7	79.9
1979 (b)	352.5	22.6	*	24.0	376.5	101.8	478.3	6.4	78.7
1979 -									
January	352.5	27.0	*	28.6	381.1	95.5	476.6	7.5	80.0
February	355.4	26.7	*	27.9	383.4	93.8	477.2	7.3	80.3
March	353.0	23.9	*	26.2	379.2	97.7	476.9	6.9	79.5
April	349.4	22.4	*	23.5	372.9	104.2	477.2	6.3	78.2
May	352.4	22.1	*	23.4	375.8	101.6	477.3	6.2	78.7
June	352.0	22.4	*	23.9	376.0	101.7	477.6	6.4	78.7
July	355.1	21.4	*	21.9	377.0	101.2	478.2	5.8	78.8
August	348.8	23.2	*	24.0	372.8	105.9	478.8	6.4	77.9
September	354.3	22.2	*	24.0	378.3	100.7	479.0	6.3	79.0
October	351.2	21.1	*	22.2	373.4	106.2	479.6	5.9	77.9
November	350.6	18.7	*	19.4	370.0	110.1	480.1	5.3	77.1
December	355.3	20.3	*	22.5	377.7	103.2	480.9	5.9	78.5
SOUTH AUSTRALIA - FEMALES									
1978 (a)	204.1	13.4	4.1	17.5	221.7	268.0	489.7	7.9	45.3
1979 (b)	202.0	16.1	4.2	20.4	222.4	271.9	494.3	9.2	45.0
1979 -									
January	201.8	13.7	3.6	17.3	219.1	272.6	491.7	7.9	44.6
February	203.1	16.7	5.0	21.7	224.8	267.5	492.3	9.7	45.7
March	206.7	17.1	4.9	22.0	228.7	263.8	492.5	9.6	46.4
April	201.9	14.7	3.1	17.8	219.7	273.3	493.0	8.1	44.6
May	200.3	16.5	4.6	21.1	221.4	271.8	493.2	9.5	44.9
June	201.7	16.3	4.3	20.6	222.3	271.4	493.7	9.3	45.0
July	204.1	14.0	3.6	17.6	221.7	272.6	494.3	7.9	44.9
August	198.6	16.6	4.6	21.3	219.9	275.0	494.9	9.7	44.4
September	200.0	16.6	5.3	21.9	221.9	273.6	495.5	9.9	44.8
October	199.4	18.8	3.0	21.8	221.2	274.8	496.1	9.9	44.6
November	200.0	15.0	4.1	19.1	219.2	277.5	496.6	8.7	44.1
December	206.9	17.7	4.4	22.2	229.1	268.4	497.5	9.7	46.0
SOUTH AUSTRALIA - PERSONS									
1978 (a)	558.0	37.3	5.5	42.8	601.0	363.6	964.4	7.1	62.3
1979 (b)	554.6	38.8	5.6	44.3	598.9	373.7	972.6	7.4	61.6
1979 -									
January	554.3	40.7	5.2	45.9	600.2	368.1	968.3	7.7	62.0
February	558.5	43.4	6.3	49.6	608.1	361.3	969.4	8.2	62.7
March	559.7	41.0	7.2	48.2	607.9	361.5	969.5	7.9	62.7
April	551.3	37.1	4.2	41.3	592.7	377.5	970.2	7.0	61.1
May	552.7	38.7	5.8	44.5	597.2	373.4	970.6	7.5	61.5
June	553.7	38.8	5.8	44.6	598.2	373.1	971.3	7.5	61.6
July	559.2	35.3	4.1	39.5	598.7	373.8	972.5	6.6	61.6
August	547.4	39.9	5.4	45.3	592.7	380.9	973.6	7.6	60.9
September	554.3	38.8	7.1	45.9	600.2	374.4	974.5	7.6	61.6
October	550.7	39.9	4.1	44.0	594.6	381.0	975.6	7.4	60.9
November	550.6	33.8	4.8	38.6	589.2	387.6	976.8	6.6	60.3
December	562.2	38.0	6.6	44.6	606.8	371.6	978.4	7.4	62.0

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, STATES AND TERRITORIES – *continued*

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
				– '000 –				– per cent –	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA – MALES									
1978 (a)	341.3	18.0	*	19.1	360.3	88.4	448.8	5.3	80.3
1979 (b)	343.7	20.6	*	22.1	365.8	92.5	458.2	6.0	79.8
1979 –									
January	341.4	23.2	*	25.0	366.3	88.4	454.8	6.8	80.6
February	344.5	23.4	*	24.6	369.1	86.7	455.9	6.7	81.0
March	349.1	19.7	*	20.3	369.4	86.9	456.3	5.5	81.0
April	346.4	20.0	*	21.1	367.5	89.6	457.1	5.8	80.4
May	346.2	19.3	*	20.2	366.4	90.8	457.2	5.5	80.1
June	341.5	19.5	*	20.9	362.4	94.9	457.3	5.8	79.2
July	337.8	20.9	*	22.6	360.4	97.7	458.0	6.3	78.7
August	339.9	20.2	*	21.8	361.7	97.0	458.7	6.0	78.9
September	343.9	19.4	*	20.9	364.8	94.6	459.4	5.7	79.4
October	341.6	20.0	*	21.8	363.4	96.9	460.3	6.0	79.0
November	341.7	18.2	*	19.7	361.4	99.8	461.2	5.4	78.4
December	350.2	23.2	3.3	26.4	376.6	86.1	462.7	7.0	81.4
WESTERN AUSTRALIA – FEMALES									
1978 (a)	184.5	11.9	5.0	16.8	201.4	238.3	439.6	8.3	45.8
1979 (b)	187.2	14.3	5.2	19.6	206.8	242.1	448.9	9.5	46.1
1979 –									
January	175.1	15.2	4.4	19.6	194.7	250.3	445.0	10.1	43.8
February	185.0	15.7	6.1	21.8	206.9	239.2	446.1	10.5	46.4
March	183.5	14.5	6.0	20.5	204.0	242.1	446.1	10.1	45.7
April	185.0	14.9	5.5	20.4	205.4	241.8	447.2	9.9	45.9
May	187.1	13.6	4.6	18.2	205.3	242.7	448.0	8.9	45.8
June	188.4	11.8	4.3	16.1	204.4	243.9	448.3	7.9	45.6
July	185.5	14.2	4.7	18.8	204.3	244.8	449.1	9.2	45.5
August	186.0	14.6	4.8	19.4	205.4	244.4	449.8	9.4	45.7
September	193.3	13.5	5.2	18.8	212.1	238.0	450.1	8.9	47.1
October	190.9	13.3	6.8	20.1	211.0	240.1	451.1	9.5	46.8
November	192.0	13.1	4.7	17.7	209.7	242.5	452.2	8.5	46.4
December	194.7	17.6	5.8	23.4	218.1	235.5	453.7	10.7	48.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA – PERSONS									
1978 (a)	525.8	29.8	6.0	35.9	561.7	326.7	888.4	6.4	63.2
1979 (b)	530.9	34.9	6.8	41.7	572.6	334.6	907.1	7.3	63.1
1979 –									
January	516.5	38.4	6.1	44.5	561.0	338.7	899.7	7.9	62.4
February	529.6	39.2	7.3	46.4	576.0	325.9	901.9	8.1	63.9
March	532.6	34.2	6.7	40.9	573.4	329.1	902.5	7.1	63.5
April	531.4	34.8	6.7	41.5	573.0	331.4	904.3	7.3	63.4
May	533.2	32.9	5.5	38.4	571.6	333.6	905.2	6.7	63.2
June	529.8	31.3	5.7	37.0	566.8	338.8	905.6	6.5	62.6
July	523.3	35.1	6.3	41.4	564.7	342.4	907.1	7.3	62.3
August	526.0	34.8	6.3	41.2	567.1	341.4	908.6	7.3	62.4
September	537.2	32.9	6.8	39.6	576.9	332.6	909.5	6.9	63.4
October	532.4	33.3	8.7	42.0	574.4	337.0	911.4	7.3	63.0
November	533.7	31.2	6.2	37.4	571.1	342.3	913.4	6.6	62.5
December	544.9	40.8	9.1	49.9	594.8	321.6	916.4	8.4	64.9

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS,  
STATES AND TERRITORIES – *continued*

	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemployed</i>		<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15 years and over</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
		<i>Looking for full-time work</i>	<i>Looking for part-time work</i>						
				– '000 –				– per cent –	
TASMANIA – MALES									
1978 (a)	110.8	6.5	*	6.7	117.5	31.6	149.1	5.7	78.8
1979 (b)	113.0	6.0	*	6.2	119.2	31.7	150.9	5.2	79.0
1979 –									
January	110.6	8.1	*	8.4	119.1	30.6	149.7	7.1	79.6
February	112.7	6.8	*	7.2	119.8	30.0	149.9	6.0	80.0
March	114.2	6.3	*	6.6	120.8	29.9	150.6	5.5	80.2
April	114.1	5.8	*	5.9	120.0	30.8	150.8	4.9	79.6
May	112.8	6.2	*	6.3	119.1	31.5	150.6	5.3	79.1
June	113.1	4.0	*	4.2	117.3	33.4	150.7	3.6	77.8
July	113.7	5.6	*	5.7	119.4	31.4	150.8	4.8	79.2
August	111.9	6.2	*	6.3	118.2	32.7	150.7	5.3	78.3
September	112.1	5.9	*	6.1	118.2	32.9	151.1	5.1	78.2
October	113.7	5.3	*	5.7	119.4	32.2	151.6	4.8	78.8
November	113.2	5.3	*	5.4	118.6	33.2	151.8	4.6	78.1
December	113.8	6.9	*	7.1	120.9	31.4	152.3	5.9	79.4
TASMANIA – FEMALES									
1978 (a)	55.2	3.5	*	4.7	59.9	91.6	151.6	7.8	39.5
1979 (b)	59.4	4.1	*	5.3	64.8	89.1	153.8	8.2	42.1
1979 –									
January	54.5	4.9	*	5.6	60.1	92.4	152.5	9.3	39.4
February	56.1	4.3	*	5.3	61.4	91.4	152.7	8.7	40.2
March	60.6	3.8	1.7	5.5	66.2	87.0	153.1	8.4	43.2
April	61.0	3.2	*	4.0	65.1	88.4	153.4	6.2	42.4
May	60.0	3.8	*	4.9	64.9	88.7	153.6	7.5	42.3
June	60.2	3.1	*	3.7	63.9	89.9	153.7	5.8	41.6
July	60.6	4.2	*	5.4	66.1	87.8	153.9	8.2	42.9
August	61.3	4.7	1.5	6.2	67.5	86.5	154.0	9.2	43.9
September	59.0	4.6	*	5.8	64.8	89.3	154.2	8.9	42.0
October	60.3	3.7	1.7	5.4	65.7	88.7	154.4	8.2	42.5
November	60.1	3.7	*	5.0	65.2	89.5	154.7	7.7	42.1
December	59.0	5.3	1.7	7.0	66.1	89.1	155.1	10.7	42.6
TASMANIA – PERSONS									
1978 (a)	166.0	10.0	*	11.4	177.4	123.3	300.7	6.4	59.0
1979 (b)	172.4	10.2	*	11.6	184.0	120.7	304.7	6.3	60.4
1979 –									
January	165.2	12.9	*	14.0	179.2	123.0	302.2	7.8	59.3
February	168.7	11.2	*	12.5	181.2	121.4	302.6	6.9	59.9
March	174.8	10.2	2.0	12.1	186.9	116.8	303.7	6.5	61.5
April	175.1	9.0	*	10.0	185.1	119.1	304.2	5.4	60.8
May	172.8	10.0	*	11.2	184.0	120.2	304.2	6.1	60.5
June	173.3	7.1	*	7.9	181.2	123.2	304.4	4.4	59.5
July	174.4	9.8	*	11.1	185.5	119.2	304.7	6.0	60.9
August	173.2	11.0	1.6	12.5	185.8	119.1	304.9	6.8	60.9
September	171.1	10.6	*	11.9	183.0	122.3	305.2	6.5	59.9
October	174.0	9.1	2.0	11.1	185.1	120.9	306.0	6.0	60.5
November	173.3	9.1	*	10.4	183.8	122.7	306.5	5.7	60.0
December	172.8	12.2	1.9	14.2	187.0	120.4	307.4	7.6	60.8

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, STATES AND TERRITORIES - continued

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
				- '000 -				- per cent -	
NORTHERN TERRITORY - MALES									
1978 (a)	32.7	*	*	*	34.3	6.8	41.2	*	83.3
1979 (b)	34.1	*	*	*	35.7	6.2	41.9	*	85.2
1979 -									
January	33.2	*	*	*	34.7	7.9	42.6	*	81.5
February	34.3	*	*	*	35.9	6.8	42.6	*	84.2
March	33.2	*	*	*	34.4	7.1	41.5	*	82.9
April	33.4	*	*	*	35.2	6.3	41.5	*	84.8
May	34.5	*	*	*	35.7	5.9	41.6	*	85.9
June	35.7	*	*	*	36.7	4.9	41.6	*	88.2
July	35.6	*	*	*	37.0	4.6	41.7	*	88.8
August	35.1	*	*	*	36.6	5.1	41.7	*	87.9
September	34.4	*	*	2.0	36.4	5.4	41.8	5.5	87.0
October	33.0	*	*	*	34.7	7.2	41.9	*	82.7
November	33.5	*	*	*	35.0	7.0	42.0	*	83.3
December	33.6	2.1	*	2.1	35.7	6.4	42.1	5.9	84.9
NORTHERN TERRITORY - FEMALES									
1978 (a)	14.9	*	*	*	16.0	16.2	32.1	*	49.8
1979 (b)	14.6	*	*	*	15.7	17.4	33.1	*	47.4
1979 -									
January	14.5	*	*	*	15.8	17.9	33.7	*	46.8
February	13.0	*	*	*	14.4	19.4	33.8	*	42.7
March	14.4	*	*	*	14.8	17.9	32.6	*	45.2
April	16.0	*	*	*	16.7	16.0	32.8	*	51.1
May	13.9	*	*	*	15.6	17.2	32.8	*	47.6
June	14.2	*	*	*	15.6	17.3	32.9	*	47.5
July	15.0	*	*	*	15.7	17.2	33.0	*	47.7
August	13.7	*	*	*	14.7	18.3	33.0	*	44.4
September	13.3	*	*	*	15.0	17.9	32.9	*	45.7
October	15.1	*	*	*	16.5	16.5	33.0	*	50.1
November	14.9	*	*	*	15.4	17.7	33.1	*	46.5
December	16.6	*	*	*	17.9	15.4	33.2	*	53.8
NORTHERN TERRITORY - PERSONS									
1978 (a)	47.6	2.4	*	2.7	50.3	23.0	73.3	5.4	68.6
1979 (b)	48.7	2.3	*	2.7	51.3	23.6	75.0	5.3	68.4
1979 -									
January	47.7	2.3	*	2.7	50.4	25.8	76.3	5.4	66.1
February	47.3	2.7	*	3.0	50.3	26.1	76.5	6.0	65.8
March	47.6	*	*	*	49.1	25.0	74.1	*	66.3
April	49.4	2.2	*	2.5	52.0	22.3	74.3	4.9	69.9
May	48.4	2.6	*	2.9	51.3	23.1	74.4	5.7	69.0
June	49.9	*	*	2.4	52.3	22.2	74.5	4.6	70.2
July	50.7	*	*	2.1	52.7	21.9	74.6	4.0	70.7
August	48.8	2.4	*	2.5	51.3	23.4	74.7	4.9	68.7
September	47.6	2.8	*	3.8	51.4	23.3	74.7	7.4	68.8
October	48.2	2.3	*	3.0	51.2	23.7	74.9	5.9	68.3
November	48.4	*	*	2.0	50.4	24.7	75.2	4.0	67.1
December	50.2	3.0	*	3.4	53.6	21.7	75.3	6.4	71.2

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, STATES AND TERRITORIES - *continued*

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
		- '000 -							
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY - MALES									
1978 (a)	57.0	2.6	*	3.4	60.4	10.4	70.8	5.6	85.3
1979 (b)	58.2	3.3	*	3.9	62.1	10.7	72.7	6.3	85.4
1979 -									
January	56.4	5.7	*	6.4	62.8	9.6	72.4	10.2	86.7
February	57.1	3.9	*	4.6	61.7	10.8	72.5	7.4	85.1
March	55.8	4.3	*	5.6	61.4	10.6	72.0	9.2	85.3
April	56.3	2.8	*	3.6	59.9	12.4	72.3	6.0	82.9
May	55.8	3.4	*	4.1	59.9	11.8	71.7	6.9	83.6
June	57.2	2.5	*	3.3	60.5	11.3	71.7	5.5	84.3
July	58.4	2.5	*	3.1	61.5	10.5	71.9	5.0	85.5
August	58.7	3.0	*	3.5	62.1	10.0	72.1	5.6	86.2
September	59.9	2.2	*	2.5	62.4	11.1	73.5	4.0	84.9
October	60.5	2.2	*	2.6	63.1	10.9	74.0	4.1	85.3
November	60.4	3.1	*	3.6	64.0	10.2	74.2	5.5	86.2
December	61.9	3.4	*	3.7	65.6	9.0	74.6	5.7	87.9
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY - FEMALES									
1978 (a)	39.1	*	*	3.4	42.5	30.9	73.3	8.0	58.0
1979 (b)	38.1	2.0	*	3.4	41.5	35.0	76.5	8.2	54.2
1979 -									
January	38.1	2.8	*	4.1	42.2	33.2	75.4	9.7	55.9
February	36.8	*	*	3.6	40.4	35.0	75.5	9.0	53.6
March	37.0	*	*	2.7	39.7	35.6	75.4	6.8	52.7
April	37.3	2.3	2.0	4.3	41.6	34.1	75.7	10.2	54.9
May	37.2	*	*	3.7	40.9	35.1	76.0	9.0	53.8
June	37.9	2.2	*	3.6	41.5	34.6	76.2	8.7	54.5
July	37.3	2.3	*	3.2	40.5	36.0	76.4	7.9	52.9
August	38.2	*	*	2.8	41.1	35.6	76.7	6.9	53.6
September	38.4	2.0	*	3.2	41.6	35.4	77.0	7.8	54.0
October	37.9	*	*	3.0	40.8	36.5	77.4	7.2	52.8
November	40.6	*	*	2.4	43.0	34.7	77.7	5.6	55.4
December	40.3	3.1	*	3.8	44.1	34.0	78.1	8.6	56.5
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY - PERSONS									
1978 (a)	96.1	4.3	2.5	6.8	102.8	41.3	144.2	6.6	71.3
1979 (b)	96.3	5.3	2.0	7.3	103.5	45.7	149.2	7.1	69.4
1979 -									
January	94.4	8.5	2.0	10.5	104.9	42.9	147.8	10.0	71.0
February	93.9	5.8	2.4	8.2	102.1	45.9	148.0	8.0	69.0
March	92.8	5.7	2.7	8.3	101.1	46.3	147.4	8.2	68.6
April	93.7	5.1	2.8	7.8	101.5	46.5	148.0	7.7	68.6
May	93.0	5.2	2.5	7.8	100.7	46.9	147.7	7.7	68.2
June	95.1	4.8	2.1	6.9	102.0	45.9	147.9	6.8	69.0
July	95.6	4.8	*	6.3	101.9	46.4	148.4	6.2	68.7
August	96.9	4.6	*	6.3	103.2	45.6	148.8	6.1	69.4
September	98.2	4.2	*	5.8	104.0	46.5	150.5	5.5	69.1
October	98.4	3.8	*	5.5	103.9	47.4	151.3	5.3	68.7
November	101.0	4.5	*	6.0	107.0	44.9	151.9	5.6	70.4
December	102.2	6.5	*	7.6	109.7	43.0	152.7	6.9	71.9

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, STATE CAPITAL CITIES

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
				— '000 —				— per cent —	
SYDNEY — MALES									
1979 (a)	875.6	39.4	*	43.1	918.7	255.7	1,174.4	4.7	78.2
1979 —									
January	864.6	46.7	*	50.7	915.4	249.5	1,164.8	5.5	78.6
February	866.2	45.5	*	49.0	915.2	251.9	1,167.1	5.4	78.4
March	873.3	42.2	*	46.2	919.5	252.4	1,171.9	5.0	78.5
April	870.4	45.3	*	49.4	919.8	253.8	1,173.6	5.4	78.4
May	871.5	43.3	*	46.1	917.6	257.9	1,175.5	5.0	78.1
June	878.6	38.7	*	41.8	920.4	255.9	1,176.4	4.5	78.2
July	879.5	37.9	*	41.0	920.4	257.4	1,177.8	4.5	78.1
August	883.9	30.5	*	34.8	918.7	260.6	1,179.2	3.8	77.9
September	882.8	34.6	*	37.1	919.9	256.5	1,176.4	4.0	78.2
October	874.4	32.1	4.7	36.8	911.1	264.9	1,176.0	4.0	77.5
November	875.2	35.8	*	39.4	914.5	261.2	1,175.7	4.3	77.8
December	886.4	40.0	5.1	45.1	931.5	246.6	1,178.2	4.8	79.1
SYDNEY — FEMALES									
1979 (a)	527.0	25.0	10.7	35.7	562.6	685.3	1,247.9	6.3	45.1
1979 —									
January	505.8	30.2	8.9	39.1	544.9	693.4	1,238.3	7.2	44.0
February	520.9	29.5	12.7	42.2	563.2	677.4	1,240.5	7.5	45.4
March	528.8	28.3	13.2	41.5	570.2	674.7	1,245.0	7.3	45.8
April	525.1	27.7	10.5	38.3	563.4	683.3	1,246.7	6.8	45.2
May	521.9	24.9	9.1	34.0	555.9	692.3	1,248.2	6.1	44.5
June	527.1	21.5	9.7	31.2	558.3	690.8	1,249.1	5.6	44.7
July	530.8	24.0	11.6	35.6	566.5	684.3	1,250.7	6.3	45.3
August	519.5	23.3	8.5	31.8	551.4	700.9	1,252.3	5.8	44.0
September	532.4	22.4	10.3	32.7	565.1	685.6	1,250.7	5.8	45.2
October	530.6	22.5	12.2	34.6	565.2	685.3	1,250.5	6.1	45.2
November	541.5	21.5	11.2	32.7	574.2	676.0	1,250.3	5.7	45.9
December	539.1	23.7	10.6	34.3	573.4	679.2	1,252.6	6.0	45.8
SYDNEY — PERSONS									
1979 (a)	1,402.5	64.3	14.4	78.8	1,481.3	941.0	2,422.3	5.3	61.2
1979 —									
January	1,370.4	76.9	13.0	89.9	1,460.2	942.9	2,403.2	6.2	60.8
February	1,387.1	75.0	16.3	91.2	1,478.3	929.3	2,407.6	6.2	61.4
March	1,402.1	70.5	17.2	87.7	1,489.8	927.1	2,416.9	5.9	61.6
April	1,395.5	73.1	14.6	87.6	1,483.1	937.1	2,420.3	5.9	61.3
May	1,393.4	68.2	11.8	80.0	1,473.5	950.2	2,423.7	5.4	60.8
June	1,405.8	60.2	12.8	73.0	1,478.8	946.7	2,425.5	4.9	61.0
July	1,410.3	61.9	14.7	76.6	1,486.9	941.6	2,428.6	5.2	61.2
August	1,403.4	53.9	12.7	66.6	1,470.0	961.5	2,431.5	4.5	60.5
September	1,415.2	56.9	12.9	69.8	1,485.0	942.1	2,427.2	4.7	61.2
October	1,405.0	54.5	16.8	71.4	1,476.3	950.2	2,426.5	4.8	60.8
November	1,416.7	57.3	14.8	72.1	1,488.8	937.3	2,426.0	4.8	61.4
December	1,425.6	63.7	15.6	79.4	1,504.9	925.8	2,430.7	5.3	61.9

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
STATE CAPITAL CITIES – *continued*

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
		- '000 -							
MELBOURNE - MALES									
1979 (a)	750.9	33.3	*	36.6	787.5	211.6	999.1	4.6	78.8
1979 -									
January	730.5	41.5	*	43.7	774.2	216.3	990.6	5.7	78.2
February	739.6	41.0	*	43.7	783.3	208.9	992.2	5.6	78.9
March	750.2	30.8	*	34.7	784.9	210.5	995.4	4.4	78.9
April	749.4	31.6	*	35.0	784.4	212.2	996.6	4.5	78.7
May	753.0	30.5	*	34.1	787.1	210.2	997.3	4.3	78.9
June	752.4	29.6	*	33.0	785.4	212.4	997.8	4.2	78.7
July	750.2	29.5	*	32.8	783.1	216.0	999.0	4.2	78.4
August	746.1	31.8	*	34.6	780.7	219.3	1,000.1	4.4	78.1
September	756.3	32.1	*	36.4	792.7	210.1	1,002.8	4.6	79.1
October	754.9	31.5	*	34.6	789.5	214.6	1,004.2	4.4	78.6
November	755.3	33.3	*	35.9	791.2	214.6	1,005.8	4.5	78.7
December	772.3	36.1	5.0	41.2	813.5	193.5	1,007.0	5.1	80.8
MELBOURNE - FEMALES									
1979 (a)	455.1	24.6	11.3	35.9	491.0	555.9	1,046.9	7.3	46.9
1979 -									
January	437.4	29.3	6.4	35.7	473.1	565.4	1,038.5	7.5	45.6
February	452.6	26.4	13.0	39.4	492.0	548.2	1,040.2	8.0	47.3
March	460.2	25.3	9.7	35.0	495.2	547.8	1,043.0	7.1	47.5
April	456.9	23.2	14.2	37.4	494.3	549.9	1,044.2	7.6	47.3
May	456.1	21.5	11.3	32.7	488.8	556.4	1,045.2	6.7	46.8
June	453.7	23.8	11.3	35.0	488.7	556.9	1,045.7	7.2	46.7
July	452.1	24.1	10.2	34.4	486.4	560.5	1,046.9	7.1	46.5
August	452.4	23.4	11.1	34.5	486.9	561.3	1,048.1	7.1	46.5
September	453.7	26.2	13.6	39.8	493.5	556.6	1,050.1	8.1	47.0
October	454.2	25.0	13.5	38.5	492.7	559.3	1,051.9	7.8	46.8
November	464.8	23.3	11.9	35.2	500.1	553.8	1,053.8	7.0	47.5
December	467.1	24.0	9.5	33.5	500.7	554.8	1,055.5	6.7	47.4
MELBOURNE - PERSONS									
1979 (a)	1,206.0	57.9	14.7	72.6	1,278.5	767.5	2,046.0	5.7	62.5
1979 -									
January	1,167.8	70.9	8.6	79.5	1,247.3	781.8	2,029.1	6.4	61.5
February	1,192.1	67.5	15.7	83.2	1,275.3	757.1	2,032.4	6.5	62.8
March	1,210.3	56.1	13.6	69.7	1,280.0	758.3	2,038.4	5.4	62.8
April	1,206.3	54.7	17.7	72.4	1,278.7	762.1	2,040.8	5.7	62.7
May	1,209.1	52.0	14.8	66.8	1,275.9	766.6	2,042.5	5.2	62.5
June	1,206.1	53.4	14.7	68.1	1,274.2	769.3	2,043.5	5.3	62.4
July	1,202.3	53.6	13.6	67.2	1,269.5	776.5	2,045.9	5.3	62.0
August	1,198.6	55.2	13.9	69.0	1,267.6	780.6	2,048.2	5.4	61.9
September	1,210.0	58.3	17.9	76.2	1,286.2	766.7	2,052.9	5.9	62.7
October	1,209.1	56.5	16.6	73.1	1,282.2	773.9	2,056.1	5.7	62.4
November	1,220.2	56.6	14.4	71.1	1,291.2	768.4	2,059.6	5.5	62.7
December	1,239.5	60.1	14.6	74.7	1,314.2	748.3	2,062.5	5.7	63.7

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
STATE CAPITAL CITIES -continued

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
				- '000 -				- per cent -	
BRISBANE - MALES									
1979 (a)	269.9	13.8	*	15.1	285.0	82.5	367.5	5.3	77.6
1979 -									
January	271.2	16.6	*	17.4	288.6	77.7	366.2	6.0	78.8
February	272.5	17.7	*	18.3	290.8	76.0	366.8	6.3	79.3
March	272.0	14.6	*	16.2	288.2	78.0	366.3	5.6	78.7
April	273.7	14.3	*	15.6	289.3	77.4	366.7	5.4	78.9
May	271.4	12.6	*	14.1	285.5	81.3	366.8	4.9	77.8
June	268.9	14.4	*	14.9	283.8	83.7	367.5	5.2	77.2
July	270.0	13.2	*	14.3	284.3	83.7	368.1	5.0	77.2
August	268.9	13.4	*	14.8	283.6	84.9	368.6	5.2	77.0
September	269.3	12.2	*	13.7	283.0	86.0	369.0	4.8	76.7
October	267.3	11.6	*	13.5	280.8	87.3	368.1	4.8	76.3
November	265.4	10.5	*	11.5	276.9	90.5	367.4	4.2	75.4
December	268.7	14.8	*	16.7	285.5	82.9	368.3	5.9	77.5
BRISBANE - FEMALES									
1979 (a)	154.5	9.9	3.8	13.7	168.1	226.8	894.9	8.1	42.6
1979 -									
January	142.6	14.3	3.6	17.9	160.5	232.1	392.6	11.2	40.9
February	149.2	12.2	4.1	16.3	165.5	227.7	393.2	9.8	42.1
March	154.3	10.9	3.7	14.5	168.8	224.6	393.4	8.6	42.9
April	153.8	10.4	3.5	14.0	167.8	226.2	394.0	8.3	42.6
May	153.2	9.1	*	12.4	165.6	228.9	394.5	7.5	42.0
June	155.1	9.4	4.0	13.5	168.6	226.4	395.0	8.0	42.7
July	155.1	10.2	4.2	14.4	169.5	226.1	395.6	8.5	42.9
August	157.8	7.2	*	10.2	168.0	228.2	396.2	6.1	42.4
September	159.8	8.1	4.2	12.2	172.0	224.6	396.6	7.1	43.4
October	159.7	7.6	4.1	11.7	171.4	224.6	396.0	6.8	43.3
November	156.2	8.2	3.7	11.9	168.2	227.3	395.4	7.1	42.5
December	156.9	11.0	3.8	14.8	171.7	224.8	396.5	8.6	43.3
BRISBANE - PERSONS									
1979 (a)	424.4	23.7	5.0	28.7	453.2	309.2	762.4	6.3	59.4
1979 -									
January	413.8	30.9	4.4	35.3	449.1	309.7	758.9	7.9	59.2
February	421.7	29.9	4.7	34.6	456.3	303.7	760.0	7.6	60.0
March	426.3	25.5	5.2	30.7	457.0	302.7	759.7	6.7	60.2
April	427.5	24.7	4.9	29.6	457.1	303.5	760.6	6.5	60.1
May	424.6	21.8	4.7	26.5	451.1	310.2	761.3	5.9	59.3
June	424.0	23.9	4.5	28.4	452.4	310.1	762.5	6.3	59.3
July	425.1	23.4	5.3	28.7	453.8	309.8	763.7	6.3	59.4
August	426.6	20.6	4.4	25.0	451.6	313.2	764.8	5.5	59.0
September	429.1	20.3	5.7	25.9	455.0	310.6	765.6	5.7	59.4
October	427.0	19.2	6.0	25.2	452.2	311.9	764.1	5.6	59.2
November	421.6	18.7	4.7	23.4	445.0	317.7	762.8	5.3	58.3
December	425.6	25.8	5.8	31.6	457.2	307.6	764.8	6.9	59.8

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

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TABLE 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
STATE CAPITAL CITIES —continued

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
		— '000 —							
ADELAIDE — MALES									
1979 (a)	247.2	18.2	*	19.3	266.5	78.1	344.6	7.2	77.3
1979 —									
January	245.9	23.0	*	24.1	270.0	73.2	343.2	8.9	78.7
February	248.2	22.2	*	23.1	271.3	72.3	343.6	8.5	79.0
March	246.0	20.1	*	22.2	268.2	75.3	343.5	8.3	78.1
April	243.9	17.9	*	18.8	262.7	81.0	343.6	7.1	76.4
May	246.1	18.6	*	19.6	265.7	78.0	343.7	7.4	77.3
June	245.2	18.0	*	19.2	264.3	79.6	343.9	7.3	76.9
July	249.1	17.0	*	17.5	266.7	77.6	344.3	6.6	77.5
August	245.6	18.3	*	18.9	264.4	80.3	344.7	7.1	76.7
September	249.2	16.1	*	17.7	266.9	78.3	345.2	6.6	77.3
October	248.7	15.9	*	16.7	265.4	80.5	345.9	6.3	76.7
November	248.1	14.4	*	14.9	263.1	83.4	346.4	5.7	75.9
December	250.8	16.7	*	18.5	269.3	77.6	346.9	6.9	77.6
ADELAIDE — FEMALES									
1979 (a)	150.2	12.0	3.3	15.4	165.5	202.0	367.5	9.3	45.0
1979 —									
January	151.2	10.9	2.5	13.4	164.6	200.8	365.4	8.1	45.0
February	151.9	13.1	3.9	17.1	169.0	196.8	365.8	10.1	46.2
March	152.7	13.2	3.6	16.9	169.5	196.6	366.1	9.9	46.3
April	148.2	11.4	*	13.5	161.7	204.6	366.3	8.4	44.1
May	147.4	12.5	3.6	16.1	163.5	203.0	366.5	9.9	44.6
June	148.3	11.5	3.4	14.9	163.3	203.5	366.8	9.2	44.5
July	151.9	9.2	3.1	12.2	164.1	203.1	367.2	7.5	44.7
August	148.2	12.3	4.0	16.3	164.5	203.2	367.7	9.9	44.7
September	149.6	12.3	4.3	16.7	166.3	202.2	368.5	10.0	45.1
October	148.9	13.3	2.5	15.9	164.8	204.4	369.2	9.6	44.6
November	149.3	11.1	3.3	14.4	163.7	206.2	369.9	8.8	44.3
December	154.4	13.6	3.3	16.9	171.4	199.2	370.6	9.9	46.2
ADELAIDE — PERSONS									
1979 (a)	397.4	30.2	4.4	34.6	432.0	280.1	712.1	8.0	60.7
1979 —									
January	397.1	33.9	3.5	37.5	434.5	274.0	708.6	8.6	61.3
February	400.2	35.4	4.8	40.2	440.3	269.1	709.4	9.1	62.1
March	398.7	33.3	5.7	39.0	437.7	271.9	709.6	8.9	61.7
April	392.1	29.3	3.0	32.3	424.4	285.6	710.0	7.6	59.8
May	393.5	31.1	4.7	35.7	429.2	281.0	710.2	8.3	60.4
June	393.5	29.6	4.6	34.1	427.6	283.1	710.7	8.0	60.2
July	401.0	26.1	3.6	29.8	430.8	280.8	711.5	6.9	60.5
August	393.8	30.6	4.6	35.1	428.9	283.4	712.4	8.2	60.2
September	398.8	28.4	5.9	34.4	433.2	280.6	713.7	7.9	60.7
October	397.6	29.2	3.4	32.6	430.2	284.9	715.1	7.6	60.2
November	397.5	25.5	3.8	29.3	426.8	289.6	716.4	6.9	59.6
December	405.2	30.3	5.1	35.4	440.6	276.8	717.5	8.0	61.4

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
STATE CAPITAL CITIES -continued

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
				- '000 -				- per cent -	
PERTH - MALES									
1979 (a)	230.6	15.4	*	16.5	247.1	67.9	315.0	6.7	78.4
1979 -									
January	230.2	18.1	*	19.4	249.6	62.4	312.0	7.8	80.0
February	229.5	17.4	*	18.1	247.7	65.1	312.8	7.3	79.2
March	233.1	14.2	*	14.9	248.0	65.1	313.1	6.0	79.2
April	231.3	14.9	*	15.8	247.1	66.5	313.6	6.4	78.8
May	231.7	13.7	*	14.3	246.0	67.5	313.5	5.8	78.5
June	227.8	14.4	*	15.6	243.4	70.2	313.6	6.4	77.6
July	224.9	14.8	*	16.3	241.2	72.9	314.1	6.8	76.8
August	228.2	14.5	*	15.5	243.7	70.8	314.6	6.4	77.5
September	232.8	14.7	*	15.7	248.5	67.6	316.1	6.3	78.6
October	229.6	15.6	*	16.9	246.5	71.0	317.6	6.9	77.6
November	230.7	13.8	*	15.0	245.7	73.3	319.0	6.1	77.0
December	237.3	18.6	*	20.9	258.2	61.9	320.1	8.1	80.7
PERTH - FEMALES									
1979 (a)	140.1	10.9	4.3	15.2	155.3	175.7	331.0	9.8	46.9
1979 -									
January	134.1	12.1	4.1	16.2	150.3	177.1	327.4	10.8	45.9
February	138.0	12.3	5.0	17.3	155.3	172.9	328.2	11.2	47.3
March	135.9	10.9	5.1	16.0	151.9	176.6	328.4	10.5	46.2
April	138.1	11.3	4.5	15.8	153.8	175.2	329.0	10.2	46.7
May	139.9	9.8	3.8	13.5	153.4	176.2	329.6	8.8	46.5
June	141.6	8.3	3.5	11.8	153.4	176.5	329.8	7.7	46.5
July	137.1	11.4	3.6	15.0	152.1	178.3	330.4	9.8	46.0
August	139.2	11.5	3.3	14.8	154.0	177.0	330.9	9.6	46.5
September	143.2	10.6	4.3	14.9	158.1	174.0	332.1	9.4	47.6
October	141.8	9.7	6.2	15.9	157.7	176.0	333.7	10.1	47.3
November	144.6	10.0	3.9	13.9	158.5	176.9	335.4	8.8	47.3
December	147.1	13.4	4.4	17.8	164.9	171.6	336.5	10.8	49.0
PERTH - PERSONS									
1979 (a)	370.6	26.3	5.5	31.8	402.4	243.6	646.0	7.9	62.3
1979 -									
January	364.3	30.1	5.4	35.6	399.9	239.5	639.4	8.9	62.5
February	367.5	29.7	5.8	35.5	403.0	238.0	641.0	8.8	62.9
March	369.0	25.1	5.8	30.9	399.9	241.7	641.6	7.7	62.3
April	369.3	26.2	5.4	31.6	400.9	241.7	642.7	7.9	62.4
May	371.6	23.5	4.4	27.9	399.4	243.7	643.1	7.0	62.1
June	369.4	22.8	4.6	27.4	396.8	246.7	643.4	6.9	61.7
July	362.0	26.2	5.1	31.3	393.2	251.2	644.5	8.0	61.0
August	367.4	26.0	4.3	30.3	397.7	247.8	645.5	7.6	61.6
September	376.0	25.3	5.2	30.6	406.6	241.6	648.1	7.5	62.7
October	371.4	25.3	7.6	32.9	404.3	247.0	651.3	8.1	62.1
November	375.3	23.8	5.1	28.9	404.2	250.2	654.4	7.1	61.8
December	384.4	32.0	6.7	38.7	423.1	233.5	656.6	9.2	64.4

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
STATE CAPITAL CITIES —continued

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
		— '000 —							
HOBART — MALES									
1979 (a)	44.5	2.9	*	3.0	47.5	13.6	61.1	6.3	77.7
1979 —									
January	43.5	3.8	*	4.0	47.5	13.1	60.6	8.4	78.4
February	44.4	3.6	*	3.8	48.3	12.4	60.7	7.9	79.5
March	44.4	3.4	*	3.6	48.1	12.9	60.9	7.5	78.9
April	43.9	3.3	*	3.4	47.3	13.7	61.0	7.2	77.6
May	43.8	3.5	*	3.6	47.4	13.6	61.0	7.6	77.8
June	44.1	2.1	*	2.1	46.2	14.8	61.0	4.6	75.7
July	44.5	2.9	*	3.0	47.5	13.6	61.1	6.3	77.7
August	43.9	3.2	*	3.3	47.2	14.0	61.1	6.9	77.1
September	45.0	2.2	*	2.2	47.2	14.0	61.3	4.8	77.1
October	45.6	1.7	*	1.7	47.4	14.0	61.4	3.6	77.1
November	45.1	1.8	*	1.8	46.9	14.7	61.6	3.7	76.2
December	46.1	3.0	*	3.0	49.1	12.7	61.8	6.1	79.5
HOBART — FEMALES									
1979 (a)	27.0	1.7	*	2.3	29.4	33.9	63.2	7.8	46.5
1979 —									
January	25.5	2.1	*	2.7	28.2	34.2	62.4	9.6	45.2
February	25.5	1.6	*	2.1	27.6	34.9	62.5	7.5	44.1
March	27.4	*	*	2.4	29.9	32.8	62.7	8.1	47.6
April	27.4	*	*	1.8	29.1	33.6	62.8	6.1	46.4
May	27.3	*	*	2.1	29.4	33.5	62.8	7.1	46.7
June	27.3	*	*	*	28.5	34.4	62.9	*	45.3
July	27.4	*	*	2.0	29.4	33.6	63.0	6.7	46.7
August	27.5	*	*	2.1	29.6	33.4	63.0	7.1	47.0
September	26.9	2.1	*	2.8	29.7	33.8	63.5	9.5	46.8
October	27.4	1.9	*	2.6	30.0	34.0	64.0	8.7	46.9
November	27.6	1.9	*	2.8	30.4	34.1	64.5	9.2	47.1
December	27.2	2.6	*	3.3	30.5	34.2	64.7	10.8	47.2
HOBART — PERSONS									
1979 (a)	71.6	4.5	*	5.3	76.9	47.5	124.3	6.9	61.9
1979 —									
January	69.0	6.0	*	6.7	75.7	47.3	123.0	8.8	61.6
February	69.9	5.2	*	5.9	75.8	47.4	123.2	7.8	61.5
March	71.9	4.9	*	6.1	78.0	45.7	123.6	7.8	63.0
April	71.3	4.5	*	5.2	76.5	47.3	123.8	6.8	61.8
May	71.1	4.8	*	5.7	76.8	47.0	123.8	7.4	62.0
June	71.3	2.8	*	3.3	74.7	49.3	123.9	4.5	60.3
July	71.9	4.3	*	5.0	76.9	47.2	124.0	6.5	62.0
August	71.4	4.6	*	5.4	76.8	47.4	124.1	7.0	61.8
September	71.9	4.3	*	5.1	77.0	47.8	124.8	6.6	61.7
October	73.1	3.5	*	4.3	77.4	48.0	125.4	5.6	61.7
November	72.7	3.7	*	4.6	77.3	48.7	126.0	5.9	61.3
December	73.3	5.6	*	6.3	79.6	46.8	126.4	7.9	63.0

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 4. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
TOTAL : SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemploy- ment rate	Particip- ation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
				- '000 -				- per cent -	
MALES									
1979 (a)	2,418.7	122.9	10.7	133.6	2,552.3	709.3	3,261.6	5.2	78.3
1979 -									
January	2,385.9	149.7	9.7	159.4	2,545.2	692.2	3,237.4	6.3	78.6
February	2,400.4	147.4	8.7	156.0	2,556.5	686.6	3,243.1	6.1	78.8
March	2,419.1	125.4	12.4	137.8	2,556.9	694.2	3,251.1	5.4	78.6
April	2,412.6	127.2	10.8	138.0	2,550.6	704.5	3,255.1	5.4	78.4
May	2,417.5	122.3	9.5	131.8	2,549.3	708.5	3,257.8	5.2	78.3
June	2,416.9	117.3	9.3	126.6	2,543.6	716.7	3,260.3	5.0	78.0
July	2,418.2	115.3	9.7	125.0	2,543.1	721.2	3,264.3	4.9	77.9
August	2,416.6	111.6	10.1	121.7	2,538.3	729.9	3,268.3	4.8	77.7
September	2,435.4	111.8	11.1	122.9	2,558.3	712.5	3,270.8	4.8	78.2
October	2,420.4	108.3	12.0	120.3	2,540.7	732.5	3,273.2	4.7	77.6
November	2,419.9	109.5	8.8	118.4	2,538.2	737.7	3,275.9	4.7	77.5
December	2,461.6	129.1	16.3	145.4	2,607.1	675.2	3,282.2	5.6	79.4
FEMALES									
1979 (a)	1,453.8	84.1	34.1	118.2	1,572.0	1,879.5	3,451.4	7.5	45.5
1979 -									
January	1,396.6	98.9	26.1	125.0	1,521.6	1,903.1	3,424.6	8.2	44.4
February	1,438.1	95.2	39.3	134.4	1,572.6	1,857.9	3,430.4	8.5	45.8
March	1,459.2	90.0	36.3	126.3	1,585.4	1,853.2	3,438.6	8.0	46.1
April	1,449.5	85.1	35.5	120.7	1,570.2	1,872.8	3,443.0	7.7	45.6
May	1,445.8	79.1	31.7	110.8	1,556.6	1,890.3	3,446.8	7.1	45.2
June	1,453.1	75.4	32.3	107.6	1,560.8	1,888.6	3,449.3	6.9	45.2
July	1,454.4	80.3	33.3	113.6	1,567.9	1,885.9	3,453.8	7.2	45.4
August	1,444.7	79.1	30.5	109.6	1,554.3	1,903.9	3,458.2	7.1	44.9
September	1,465.6	81.7	37.4	119.1	1,584.7	1,876.8	3,461.4	7.5	45.8
October	1,462.7	79.9	39.3	119.2	1,581.8	1,883.4	3,465.3	7.5	45.6
November	1,484.1	76.1	34.9	111.0	1,595.1	1,874.3	3,469.4	7.0	46.0
December	1,491.9	88.4	32.3	120.7	1,612.6	1,863.7	3,476.3	7.5	46.4
PERSONS									
1979 (a)	3,872.5	207.0	44.8	251.8	4,124.3	2,588.8	6,713.1	6.1	61.4
1979 -									
January	3,782.4	248.6	35.7	284.4	4,066.8	2,595.3	6,662.1	7.0	61.0
February	3,838.6	242.5	47.9	290.5	4,129.0	2,544.4	6,673.5	7.0	61.9
March	3,878.3	215.4	48.7	264.1	4,142.4	2,547.4	6,689.8	6.4	61.9
April	3,862.1	212.4	46.3	258.7	4,120.8	2,577.3	6,698.1	6.3	61.5
May	3,863.3	201.4	41.2	242.6	4,105.9	2,598.8	6,704.6	5.9	61.2
June	3,870.1	192.7	41.6	234.3	4,104.4	2,605.3	6,709.6	5.7	61.2
July	3,872.5	195.6	43.0	238.6	4,111.1	2,607.1	6,718.2	5.8	61.2
August	3,861.3	190.8	40.6	231.4	4,092.6	2,633.9	6,726.5	5.7	60.8
September	3,901.0	193.5	48.5	241.9	4,142.9	2,589.3	6,732.3	5.8	61.5
October	3,883.1	188.2	51.3	239.5	4,122.6	2,615.9	6,738.5	5.8	61.2
November	3,904.0	185.6	43.7	229.3	4,133.3	2,611.9	6,745.3	5.5	61.3
December	3,953.6	217.5	48.5	266.1	4,219.6	2,538.9	6,758.5	6.3	62.4

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 5. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15-19 YEARS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population	Unem- ployment rate	Parti- cipation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
		— '000 —							
MALES									
1978 (a)	342.2	56.3	8.6	64.9	407.2	243.6	650.8	15.9	62.6
1979 (b)	352.7	58.7	7.7	66.4	419.2	235.0	654.2	15.8	64.1
1979 —									
January	356.4	83.2	7.9	91.1	447.5	203.7	651.2	20.4	68.7
February	355.3	69.9	6.8	76.8	432.1	219.4	651.5	17.8	66.3
March	361.0	59.1	6.9	65.9	426.9	228.6	655.4	15.4	65.1
April	360.5	59.9	5.7	65.6	426.1	228.9	655.0	15.4	65.1
May	356.9	53.5	6.1	59.6	416.5	238.5	655.0	14.3	63.6
June	347.3	51.1	5.9	57.0	404.3	250.5	654.8	14.1	61.7
July	342.7	51.5	5.8	57.3	400.0	254.8	654.8	14.3	61.1
August	342.8	52.7	6.5	59.2	402.0	252.7	654.7	14.7	61.4
September	347.2	52.7	9.6	62.3	409.4	244.9	654.3	15.2	62.6
October	338.9	52.1	9.5	61.6	400.5	254.0	654.5	15.4	61.2
November	343.7	48.8	7.7	56.4	400.1	254.4	654.5	14.1	61.1
December	380.1	70.0	14.5	84.5	464.6	190.0	654.6	18.2	71.0
FEMALES									
1978 (a)	300.1	56.3	12.8	69.1	369.2	256.2	625.4	18.7	59.0
1979 (b)	292.3	63.7	12.3	76.0	368.2	259.9	628.2	20.6	58.6
1979 —									
January	303.6	79.0	10.1	89.1	392.6	233.4	626.0	22.7	62.7
February	298.4	69.9	11.8	81.8	380.1	246.0	626.1	21.5	60.7
March	296.5	65.8	13.4	79.2	375.8	253.7	629.5	21.1	59.7
April	295.2	62.8	12.7	75.6	370.7	258.6	629.3	20.4	58.9
May	291.0	61.2	11.7	72.9	363.9	265.1	629.0	20.0	57.9
June	284.6	60.3	12.9	73.3	357.9	270.8	628.7	20.5	56.9
July	285.7	57.7	9.9	67.7	353.3	275.3	628.6	19.1	56.2
August	274.9	60.2	10.4	70.6	345.5	283.0	628.4	20.4	55.0
September	286.5	61.0	13.1	74.1	360.6	267.6	628.2	20.5	57.4
October	281.1	56.3	15.7	72.1	353.2	275.0	628.1	20.4	56.2
November	296.5	53.0	10.9	63.8	360.3	267.7	628.0	17.7	57.4
December	313.0	77.0	15.0	91.9	404.9	223.0	627.9	22.7	64.5
PERSONS									
1978 (a)	642.3	112.6	21.4	134.0	776.4	499.8	1,276.2	17.3	60.8
1979 (b)	645.0	122.4	20.1	142.4	787.4	495.0	1,282.4	18.1	61.4
1979 —									
January	660.0	162.2	18.0	180.2	840.2	437.1	1,277.2	21.4	65.8
February	653.7	139.9	18.7	158.5	812.2	465.4	1,277.6	19.5	63.6
March	657.5	124.9	20.2	145.2	802.6	482.3	1,284.9	18.1	62.5
April	655.6	122.7	18.5	141.2	796.8	487.5	1,284.3	17.7	62.0
May	647.9	114.7	17.8	132.5	780.4	503.7	1,284.1	17.0	60.8
June	631.9	111.4	18.9	130.3	762.2	521.4	1,283.6	17.1	59.4
July	628.3	109.2	15.7	125.0	753.3	530.2	1,283.4	16.6	58.7
August	617.7	112.9	16.9	129.7	747.5	535.7	1,283.1	17.4	58.3
September	633.7	113.7	22.7	136.4	770.0	512.4	1,282.5	17.7	60.0
October	620.0	108.4	25.2	133.6	753.7	529.0	1,282.6	17.7	58.8
November	640.1	101.7	18.5	120.2	760.4	522.1	1,282.5	15.8	59.3
December	693.1	146.9	29.5	176.4	869.5	413.0	1,282.5	20.3	67.8

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 6. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19 YEARS NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	Employed	Unemployed			Not in labour force	Civilian population	Unemploy- ment rate	Particip- ation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Total	Labour force				
- '000 -				- per cent -				
15 YEARS								
1978 (a)	21.3	8.6	8.9	30.2	7.7	37.9	29.5	79.7
1979 (b)	18.9	7.6	7.9	26.8	7.6	34.4	29.5	77.9
1978 -								
February	23.8	15.8	16.1	39.9	9.4	49.3	40.4	80.9
March	25.4	11.5	11.7	37.1	9.9	47.0	31.5	79.0
April	23.1	9.2	9.2	32.3	10.0	42.3	28.6	76.4
May	23.5	7.4	7.4	30.9	7.5	38.4	23.9	80.4
June	20.8	7.1	7.5	28.4	7.4	35.8	26.6	79.3
July	19.6	6.9	7.5	27.1	6.7	33.8	27.6	80.2
August	19.7	7.0	7.5	27.2	6.5	33.7	27.5	80.7
September	20.5	6.6	6.6	27.1	5.5	32.6	24.3	83.2
October	17.9	6.4	6.8	24.7	4.9	29.7	27.5	83.4
November	17.2	5.9	6.2	23.4	6.3	29.7	26.6	78.7
December	22.5	10.5	11.3	33.8	10.8	44.6	33.5	75.8
1979 -								
January	18.8	12.6	13.3	32.1	10.4	42.5	41.4	75.5
February	21.3	11.4	12.0	33.3	7.7	41.0	36.0	81.3
March	23.9	8.6	9.0	32.8	8.0	40.9	27.3	80.3
April	23.7	7.6	7.9	31.6	7.8	39.4	25.1	80.2
May	20.2	6.7	6.8	27.0	8.0	34.9	25.3	77.2
June	17.2	6.3	6.6	23.8	7.0	30.8	27.8	77.2
July	16.3	6.2	6.4	22.7	7.2	29.9	28.1	75.9
August	16.6	6.0	6.2	22.9	6.3	29.2	27.2	78.4
September	17.7	4.6	5.0	22.7	5.7	28.5	22.2	79.8
October	17.4	5.3	5.5	22.9	5.4	28.2	24.0	81.0
November	15.5	*	*	19.8	6.7	26.5	*	74.8
December	18.4	11.1	11.6	30.0	10.7	40.8	38.8	73.6
16 YEARS								
1978 (a)	77.0	22.5	23.0	100.1	12.3	112.4	23.0	89.1
1979 (b)	69.5	24.3	25.0	94.5	13.6	108.1	26.5	87.4
1978 -								
February	84.6	32.7	33.4	118.0	12.6	130.6	28.3	90.4
March	89.8	27.1	27.5	117.3	11.6	128.9	23.4	91.0
April	92.3	23.6	24.4	116.7	12.0	128.7	20.9	90.7
May	83.9	20.4	21.3	105.2	13.7	118.8	20.3	88.5
June	81.7	19.1	19.6	101.3	10.9	112.2	19.4	90.3
July	77.5	19.4	19.5	97.1	10.8	107.9	20.1	90.0
August	73.2	19.9	20.2	93.5	11.5	105.0	21.6	89.0
September	64.6	19.2	19.7	84.3	12.7	97.0	23.3	86.9
October	66.5	16.0	16.1	82.6	11.3	94.0	19.5	87.9
November	63.7	17.9	18.1	81.8	9.8	91.6	22.1	89.3
December	69.4	32.5	33.5	102.9	18.8	121.7	32.5	84.6
1979 -								
January	71.5	39.0	39.7	111.2	17.5	128.8	35.7	86.4
February	81.5	30.7	31.7	113.2	15.3	128.5	28.0	88.1
March	79.9	28.3	28.8	108.7	13.4	122.1	26.5	89.1
April	77.0	25.6	26.3	103.3	14.6	117.9	25.5	87.6
May	77.0	23.5	24.4	101.3	14.9	116.2	24.1	87.2
June	70.7	20.8	21.5	92.2	14.6	106.8	23.3	86.3
July	63.9	22.3	22.7	86.6	12.6	99.2	26.2	87.3
August	60.3	20.9	21.5	81.8	13.4	95.2	26.3	85.9
September	61.8	21.6	22.3	84.1	10.9	94.9	26.5	88.6
October	60.5	15.8	16.6	77.1	10.4	87.5	21.5	88.1
November	60.1	15.0	15.0	75.1	9.6	84.7	20.0	88.7
December	70.1	28.6	29.1	99.2	16.1	115.3	29.4	86.1

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 6. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19 YEARS NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS —continued

	Employed	Unemployed		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Total					
		— '000 —						
17 YEARS								
1978 (a)	128.2	26.3	27.1	155.3	19.7	175.0	17.5	88.7
1979 (b)	123.6	28.8	29.9	153.5	23.2	176.8	19.5	86.8
1978 —								
February	131.2	38.6	40.2	171.4	21.2	192.6	23.5	89.0
March	133.8	30.3	31.6	165.4	23.3	188.7	19.1	87.6
April	132.8	26.2	26.5	159.3	20.9	180.2	16.6	88.4
May	133.3	25.3	25.4	158.7	18.9	177.6	16.0	89.4
June	134.2	24.2	24.8	159.0	19.6	178.7	15.6	89.0
July	131.5	22.2	22.9	154.4	18.0	172.4	14.8	89.6
August	125.9	22.6	23.4	149.3	18.0	167.3	15.7	89.2
September	125.5	20.8	21.4	147.0	16.5	163.5	14.6	89.9
October	121.5	21.8	22.0	143.5	16.4	159.9	15.4	89.7
November	116.3	20.7	21.2	137.6	18.3	155.9	15.4	88.2
December	124.2	36.7	38.4	162.6	25.2	187.8	23.6	86.6
1979 —								
January	125.9	39.5	40.5	166.4	30.0	196.4	24.4	84.7
February	128.7	34.0	36.3	164.9	28.1	193.1	22.0	85.4
March	129.7	33.8	35.4	165.1	25.2	190.2	21.5	86.8
April	127.9	30.7	32.2	160.1	24.8	184.9	20.1	86.6
May	124.9	30.2	30.7	155.7	25.0	180.7	19.7	86.2
June	124.8	26.5	27.9	152.7	21.0	173.7	18.3	87.9
July	122.5	25.2	25.9	148.4	21.9	170.3	17.4	87.1
August	118.7	26.8	27.5	146.2	19.6	165.8	18.8	88.2
September	114.7	25.6	26.1	140.8	17.7	158.6	18.5	88.8
October	115.0	21.6	22.2	137.2	19.8	156.9	16.2	87.4
November	118.0	21.9	22.7	140.7	20.9	161.6	16.1	87.1
December	132.3	29.5	31.8	164.1	24.7	188.8	19.4	86.9
18 YEARS								
1978 (a)	165.9	23.6	25.9	191.7	37.2	228.9	13.5	83.7
1979 (b)	171.8	26.9	29.0	200.8	37.8	238.6	14.4	84.2
1978 —								
February	165.2	29.1	33.5	198.7	34.5	233.2	16.9	85.2
March	163.7	25.3	28.4	192.1	41.2	233.2	14.8	82.4
April	164.9	24.1	27.4	192.3	43.9	236.2	14.2	81.4
May	167.8	22.1	24.5	192.3	42.5	234.8	12.7	81.9
June	167.7	22.3	22.7	190.4	37.8	228.2	11.9	83.5
July	164.2	23.2	24.9	189.1	38.1	227.2	13.2	83.2
August	164.6	23.9	26.0	190.6	38.7	229.3	13.6	83.1
September	163.1	21.9	23.9	187.1	35.9	223.0	12.8	83.9
October	162.5	19.5	21.4	183.8	34.2	218.0	11.6	84.3
November	164.3	19.9	21.2	185.5	34.3	219.8	11.4	84.4
December	176.8	28.7	30.5	207.3	28.0	235.3	14.7	88.1
1979 —								
January	171.5	33.5	35.5	207.0	36.9	243.9	17.1	84.9
February	175.8	28.8	31.2	207.1	38.5	245.5	15.1	84.3
March	175.5	25.3	27.7	203.2	43.8	246.9	13.6	82.3
April	172.3	27.7	30.0	202.4	42.6	244.9	14.8	82.6
May	173.3	25.5	27.3	200.6	43.0	243.6	13.6	82.4
June	167.7	27.4	30.2	197.8	42.1	239.9	15.2	82.5
July	169.4	26.2	27.6	197.0	40.2	237.2	14.0	83.1
August	167.1	25.4	27.8	194.9	40.1	235.0	14.3	82.9
September	170.1	24.6	26.3	196.3	34.7	231.0	13.4	85.0
October	168.0	24.9	26.8	194.8	30.9	225.7	13.7	86.3
November	169.5	23.8	25.1	194.6	32.1	226.7	12.9	85.8
December	181.3	30.2	33.0	214.2	28.5	242.7	15.4	88.3

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 6. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19 YEARS NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS —continued

	Unemployed				Not in labour force	Civilian population	Unemploy- ment rate	Particip- ation rate
	Employed	Looking for full-time work	Total	Labour force				
— '000 —				— per cent —				
19 YEARS								
1978 (a)	171.7	20.9	23.3	194.9	45.6	240.5	12.0	81.0
1979 (b)	180.9	23.4	25.6	206.5	44.2	250.7	12.4	82.4
1978 —								
February	173.0	18.4	21.3	194.3	38.8	233.1	10.9	83.4
March	168.2	16.6	20.2	188.4	46.7	235.1	10.7	80.1
April	163.9	16.9	19.8	183.7	45.2	228.9	10.8	80.2
May	165.3	20.4	23.0	188.3	50.1	238.4	12.2	79.0
June	166.5	20.9	23.3	189.8	50.1	239.9	12.3	79.1
July	166.9	23.8	25.1	192.0	45.1	237.2	13.1	81.0
August	171.8	24.0	26.2	198.1	49.2	247.2	13.2	80.1
September	171.6	23.4	24.9	196.5	51.1	247.6	12.7	79.4
October	175.4	20.3	22.6	198.0	47.6	245.6	11.4	80.6
November	178.1	20.5	21.8	199.9	44.8	244.7	10.9	81.7
December	187.5	24.5	27.8	215.3	32.8	248.0	12.9	86.8
1979 —								
January	184.5	25.9	28.0	212.4	36.1	248.6	13.2	85.5
February	180.2	27.1	28.9	209.1	39.2	248.4	13.8	84.2
March	180.3	23.0	26.4	206.7	42.7	249.4	12.8	82.9
April	181.1	23.5	25.3	206.4	43.0	249.4	12.3	82.8
May	176.1	24.0	26.2	202.2	48.3	250.6	12.9	80.7
June	181.1	21.6	23.3	204.5	46.6	251.1	11.4	81.4
July	178.3	21.1	22.9	201.2	50.9	252.1	11.4	79.8
August	175.1	23.3	25.5	200.6	51.5	252.1	12.7	79.6
September	183.0	20.3	22.6	205.6	44.7	250.3	11.0	82.1
October	177.6	23.1	26.7	204.3	47.6	251.9	13.1	81.1
November	182.9	21.9	22.9	205.8	46.3	252.0	11.1	81.6
December	190.3	25.4	28.8	219.2	33.2	252.4	13.2	86.8
TOTAL								
1978 (a)	564.1	101.9	108.1	672.2	122.5	794.7	16.1	84.6
1979 (b)	564.7	111.0	117.5	682.1	126.4	808.5	17.2	84.4
1978 —								
February	577.8	134.5	144.5	722.3	116.5	838.7	20.0	86.1
March	580.9	110.7	119.3	700.3	132.6	832.9	17.0	84.1
April	577.0	100.1	107.3	684.3	132.0	816.3	15.7	83.8
May	573.9	95.5	101.5	675.4	132.6	808.0	15.0	83.6
June	570.9	93.5	98.0	668.9	125.8	794.7	14.7	84.2
July	559.7	95.4	100.0	659.7	118.8	778.5	15.2	84.7
August	555.3	97.4	103.3	658.6	123.9	782.6	15.7	84.2
September	545.5	91.9	96.5	641.9	121.7	763.6	15.0	84.1
October	543.7	84.0	89.0	632.7	114.5	747.2	14.1	84.7
November	539.6	85.0	88.5	628.1	113.6	741.7	14.1	84.7
December	580.5	132.9	141.4	721.9	115.6	837.4	19.6	86.2
1979 —								
January	572.2	150.6	156.9	729.1	130.9	860.1	21.5	84.8
February	587.5	132.1	140.1	727.6	128.8	856.4	19.3	85.0
March	589.2	119.1	127.3	716.4	133.0	849.5	17.8	84.3
April	582.0	115.2	121.8	703.9	132.7	836.6	17.3	84.1
May	571.4	109.9	115.5	686.8	139.1	826.0	16.8	83.2
June	561.5	102.7	109.5	671.0	131.4	802.3	16.3	83.6
July	550.4	101.0	105.5	655.9	132.8	788.7	16.1	83.2
August	537.9	102.5	108.5	646.4	131.0	777.4	16.8	83.2
September	547.2	96.8	102.3	649.5	113.7	763.2	15.7	85.1
October	538.5	90.6	97.7	636.1	114.1	750.2	15.4	84.8
November	545.9	86.8	90.1	636.0	115.5	751.5	14.2	84.6
December	592.4	124.8	134.4	726.8	113.2	840.0	18.5	86.5

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 7. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19 YEARS ATTENDING SCHOOL, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

		Unemployed						
	Employed	Looking for part-time work	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population	Unemploy- ment rate	Particip- ation rate

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 7. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19 YEARS ATTENDING SCHOOL, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS —continued

	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Unemployed</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population</i>	<i>Unemploy- ment rate</i>	<i>Particip- ation rate</i>
	— '000 —			— per cent —			
17 YEARS							
1978 (a)	18.2	*	22.2	61.1	83.3	*	26.7
1979 (b)	17.5	*	21.3	60.0	81.2	*	26.2
1978 —							
February	12.6	4.6	17.2	43.6	60.8	26.7	28.3
March	14.1	*	16.6	51.8	68.4	*	24.3
April	17.4	*	20.0	58.9	78.9	*	25.4
May	19.6	*	23.5	60.5	84.0	*	28.0
June	18.0	*	20.7	66.7	87.4	*	23.6
July	19.0	*	21.6	70.4	92.0	*	23.5
August	18.5	*	21.2	67.1	88.3	*	24.0
September	19.2	*	22.9	69.3	92.2	*	24.8
October	20.0	5.5	25.5	70.4	95.9	21.6	26.6
November	19.9	*	24.3	75.7	100.0	*	24.3
December	21.4	9.2	30.6	37.6	68.3	30.0	44.9
1979 —							
January	16.0	*	19.8	39.8	59.5	*	33.2
February	14.7	*	17.4	45.5	62.9	*	27.7
March	14.3	*	16.7	51.8	68.6	*	24.4
April	16.6	*	19.4	54.4	73.7	*	26.3
May	16.5	*	19.3	58.7	77.9	*	24.7
June	14.5	*	18.7	66.2	84.9	*	22.0
July	17.0	*	19.9	68.3	88.2	*	22.5
August	17.5	*	21.2	71.3	92.5	*	22.9
September	21.5	*	25.7	73.9	99.6	*	25.8
October	20.0	6.0	25.9	75.4	101.3	23.0	25.6
November	20.7	*	24.5	72.0	96.5	*	25.4
December	20.1	6.4	26.5	42.8	69.3	24.2	38.2
18 AND 19 YEARS							
1978 (a)	4.9	*	6.6	19.8	26.4	*	25.0
1979 (b)	*	*	5.3	15.7	20.9	*	25.4
1978 —							
February	5.5	*	9.1	11.8	20.9	*	43.5
March	*	*	*	15.3	19.7	*	*
April	*	*	*	15.7	19.7	*	*
May	*	*	*	14.2	17.6	*	*
June	*	*	*	16.9	20.8	*	*
July	*	*	4.5	19.2	23.7	*	19.0
August	4.5	*	5.7	22.2	27.9	*	20.4
September	6.1	*	8.2	26.3	34.4	*	23.7
October	7.0	*	8.7	33.1	41.8	*	20.9
November	7.9	*	9.8	31.9	41.7	*	23.5
December	8.0	*	11.2	11.2	22.4	*	49.9
1979 —							
January	*	*	4.6	8.9	13.6	*	34.1
February	*	*	*	9.0	12.8	*	*
March	*	*	*	9.8	12.1	*	*
April	*	*	*	11.0	14.5	*	*
May	*	*	*	11.4	15.4	*	*
June	*	*	*	14.6	19.0	*	*
July	*	*	4.6	16.9	21.4	*	21.3
August	4.9	*	6.4	17.9	24.2	*	26.3
September	5.0	*	6.1	24.3	30.4	*	20.1
October	6.6	*	7.2	27.6	34.8	*	20.7
November	7.0	*	8.8	25.5	34.3	*	25.5
December	5.3	*	7.3	11.4	18.7	*	39.1

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 7. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 TO 19 YEARS ATTENDING SCHOOL, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS —continued

	<i>Unemployed</i>				<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>	<i>Looking for part-time work</i>	<i>Total</i>					
— '000 —				— per cent —					
TOTAL									
1978 (a)	78.3	10.7	15.2	25.9	104.2	377.3	481.5	24.9	21.6
1979 (b)	80.3	11.4	13.6	25.0	105.3	368.6	473.9	23.7	22.2
1978 —									
February	75.6	12.5	18.5	31.0	106.5	326.2	432.8	29.1	24.6
March	68.9	6.3	13.4	19.7	88.6	352.3	440.8	22.3	20.1
April	74.1	5.9	13.8	19.7	93.7	364.6	458.8	21.0	20.4
May	79.9	8.9	14.4	23.3	103.3	364.1	467.3	22.6	22.1
June	75.8	7.5	14.3	21.8	97.6	383.9	481.5	22.3	20.3
July	78.9	6.7	11.1	17.8	96.7	401.8	498.5	18.5	19.4
August	75.4	9.6	14.7	24.3	99.8	395.3	495.1	24.4	20.2
September	79.5	10.9	12.8	23.7	103.1	411.2	514.3	22.9	20.1
October	82.8	11.9	17.4	29.3	112.1	418.7	530.7	26.1	21.1
November	78.0	12.9	16.4	29.3	107.3	429.3	536.7	27.3	20.0
December	91.9	25.1	20.3	45.4	137.3	303.3	440.5	33.0	31.2
1979 —									
January	87.8	11.6	11.7	23.3	111.0	306.1	417.2	20.9	26.6
February	66.2	7.7	10.6	18.4	84.6	336.6	421.2	21.7	20.1
March	68.3	5.8	12.1	17.9	86.2	349.3	435.5	20.8	19.8
April	73.6	7.5	11.9	19.4	93.0	354.7	447.7	20.8	20.8
May	76.5	4.8	12.2	17.1	93.6	364.5	458.1	18.2	20.4
June	70.4	8.8	12.1	20.8	91.2	390.0	481.2	22.8	19.0
July	77.9	8.3	11.2	19.5	97.3	397.4	494.7	20.0	19.7
August	79.8	10.4	10.8	21.2	101.1	404.7	505.8	21.0	20.0
September	86.4	16.9	17.2	34.1	120.5	398.7	519.2	28.3	23.2
October	81.6	17.8	18.2	36.0	117.5	414.9	532.4	30.6	22.1
November	94.2	14.9	15.2	30.2	124.4	406.6	530.9	24.3	23.4
December	100.8	22.1	19.9	42.0	142.8	299.8	442.6	29.4	32.3

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 8. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 20-24 YEARS, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work						
		- '000 -							
MALES									
1978 (a)	489.7	43.8	*	46.2	536.0	56.2	592.2	8.6	90.5
1979 (b)	502.3	45.0	*	47.4	549.6	54.5	604.1	8.6	91.0
1979 -									
January	502.5	48.3	*	51.8	554.3	45.5	599.8	9.3	92.4
February	505.5	50.2	*	51.8	557.4	43.8	601.2	9.3	92.7
March	494.3	49.1	*	52.4	546.7	53.6	600.3	9.6	91.1
April	492.4	45.9	*	49.4	541.8	59.7	601.4	9.1	90.1
May	499.6	46.5	*	48.6	548.2	53.7	601.9	8.9	91.1
June	494.6	44.0	*	46.3	540.9	62.0	602.8	8.6	89.7
July	501.6	45.6	*	47.4	549.0	55.2	604.2	8.6	90.9
August	501.4	43.0	*	45.5	546.8	58.6	605.5	8.3	90.3
September	505.1	44.3	*	46.0	551.1	54.8	605.9	8.4	91.0
October	506.7	38.5	*	40.8	547.5	59.9	607.4	7.4	90.1
November	505.1	38.6	*	39.6	544.7	64.0	608.7	7.3	89.5
December	518.2	46.2	*	48.9	567.0	43.2	610.3	8.6	92.9
FEMALES									
1978 (a)	369.9	30.8	6.2	37.0	406.9	185.7	592.6	9.1	68.7
1979 (b)	379.6	31.2	6.8	38.0	417.6	184.4	602.0	9.1	69.4
1979 -									
January	369.2	33.3	4.9	38.1	407.3	191.6	598.9	9.4	68.0
February	375.5	34.3	9.4	43.7	419.2	180.8	599.9	10.4	69.9
March	376.2	31.8	7.1	38.9	415.1	183.9	599.0	9.4	69.3
April	374.1	32.9	5.9	38.8	413.0	186.9	599.9	9.4	68.8
May	373.7	32.8	8.2	41.1	414.8	185.8	600.6	9.9	69.1
June	379.4	31.4	6.0	37.4	416.8	184.0	600.9	9.0	69.4
July	382.1	29.5	6.6	36.1	418.2	183.8	601.9	8.6	69.5
August	383.8	27.8	5.5	33.3	417.1	185.7	602.9	8.0	69.2
September	385.6	30.5	8.5	39.1	424.6	178.7	603.3	9.2	70.4
October	380.2	29.5	6.8	36.3	416.5	187.9	604.5	8.7	68.9
November	383.4	29.9	6.7	36.6	420.1	185.6	605.6	8.7	69.4
December	392.2	30.7	6.2	36.9	429.0	177.8	606.8	8.6	70.7
PERSONS									
1978 (a)	859.6	74.7	8.6	83.3	942.9	241.8	1,184.7	8.8	79.6
1979 (a)	881.9	76.2	9.2	85.4	967.3	238.9	1,206.2	8.8	80.2
1979 -									
January	871.7	81.6	8.4	90.0	961.6	237.0	1,198.7	9.4	80.2
February	881.0	84.5	11.1	95.5	976.5	224.6	1,201.1	9.8	81.3
March	870.5	80.8	10.5	91.3	961.8	237.6	1,199.4	9.5	80.2
April	866.5	78.8	9.4	88.2	954.7	246.6	1,201.3	9.2	79.5
May	873.3	79.4	10.3	89.7	963.0	239.5	1,202.4	9.3	80.1
June	874.0	75.4	8.3	83.7	957.7	246.0	1,203.7	8.7	79.6
July	883.7	75.1	8.4	83.5	967.1	239.0	1,206.1	8.6	80.2
August	885.2	70.8	8.0	78.8	964.0	244.4	1,208.4	8.2	79.8
September	890.7	74.8	10.2	85.1	975.8	233.5	1,209.3	8.7	80.7
October	886.9	68.0	9.1	77.1	964.0	247.9	1,211.9	8.0	79.5
November	888.5	68.6	7.7	76.3	964.8	249.6	1,214.4	7.9	79.4
December	910.3	76.9	8.8	85.7	996.1	221.1	1,217.1	8.6	81.8

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 20 TO 24 YEARS (SINGLE YEARS), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	Employed	Unemployed		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Total					
		- '000 -						
20 YEARS								
1979 (a)	181.8	19.4	21.6	203.4	47.6	251.0	10.6	81.0
1979 -								
February (b)	183.1	20.3	22.8	205.8	42.7	248.5	11.1	82.8
March	182.4	21.2	24.0	206.4	43.4	249.8	11.6	82.6
April	183.4	17.6	18.7	202.2	48.0	250.2	9.3	80.8
May	184.5	16.9	19.1	203.6	46.8	250.4	9.4	81.3
June	178.3	19.2	20.7	199.0	51.7	250.7	10.4	79.4
July	177.8	19.2	21.0	198.7	52.4	251.1	10.6	79.1
August	179.0	18.6	20.9	199.9	51.6	251.5	10.4	79.5
September	181.5	19.3	21.8	203.3	48.3	251.6	10.7	80.8
October	178.0	19.4	21.8	199.8	52.3	252.0	10.9	79.3
November	182.8	19.2	21.4	204.1	48.4	252.5	10.5	80.8
December	188.7	22.9	25.8	214.5	38.4	253.0	12.0	84.8
21 YEARS								
1979 (a)	178.9	19.6	21.8	200.7	47.1	247.8	10.9	81.0
1979 -								
February (b)	180.2	21.2	22.7	202.9	38.6	241.4	11.2	84.0
March	178.1	21.7	24.7	202.8	42.8	245.6	12.2	82.6
April	169.8	22.6	26.2	196.0	46.6	242.5	13.4	80.8
May	171.4	21.2	23.7	195.2	44.8	240.0	12.2	81.3
June	175.3	19.7	22.0	197.4	45.7	243.1	11.2	81.2
July	183.3	20.5	21.7	205.0	43.8	248.7	10.6	82.4
August	176.0	16.6	18.6	194.7	46.8	241.5	9.6	80.6
September	184.1	16.7	18.2	202.3	49.9	252.2	9.0	80.2
October	186.5	17.5	19.9	206.4	52.8	259.3	9.7	79.6
November	178.2	17.9	19.2	197.3	61.7	259.1	9.7	76.2
December	184.5	19.9	22.7	207.2	44.8	252.0	10.9	82.2
22 YEARS								
1979 (a)	173.9	14.9	16.5	190.4	44.9	235.3	8.7	80.9
1979 -								
February (b)	179.1	17.3	19.4	198.5	43.6	242.1	9.8	82.0
March	172.3	17.1	18.2	190.5	48.1	238.7	9.6	79.8
April	168.5	15.7	16.4	184.9	48.7	233.5	8.9	79.2
May	173.1	18.2	20.1	193.2	46.3	239.5	10.4	80.7
June	174.2	16.6	18.6	192.8	44.7	237.5	9.6	81.2
July	168.1	15.9	18.3	186.4	43.7	230.1	9.8	81.0
August	176.5	15.5	17.1	193.6	44.0	237.6	8.9	81.5
September	174.3	15.6	18.6	192.8	42.1	235.0	9.6	82.1
October	167.6	11.2	12.9	180.6	45.1	225.7	7.2	80.0
November	176.2	9.1	10.0	186.2	43.5	229.7	5.4	81.1
December	182.6	11.2	12.1	194.7	44.0	238.6	6.2	81.6
23 YEARS								
1979 (a)	176.9	12.2	13.8	190.7	48.8	239.6	7.2	79.6
1979 -								
February (b)	169.4	14.2	16.6	186.0	45.6	231.6	8.9	80.3
March	168.9	9.8	11.9	180.7	50.4	231.1	6.6	78.2
April	175.2	12.3	14.1	189.3	52.2	241.5	7.4	78.4
May	180.2	11.8	14.2	194.4	47.8	242.2	7.3	80.3
June	179.6	12.4	14.1	193.7	50.1	243.8	7.3	79.4
July	181.2	12.8	13.1	194.3	49.3	243.6	6.8	79.8
August	178.7	11.1	12.7	191.4	51.0	242.4	6.6	79.0
September	175.3	13.0	14.3	189.6	45.9	235.5	7.5	80.5
October	178.3	11.1	12.2	190.6	51.1	241.7	6.4	78.9
November	179.0	13.6	14.9	193.9	48.6	242.4	7.7	80.0
December	180.6	12.5	13.7	194.3	45.2	239.5	7.1	81.1

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Estimates are not available for earlier periods. For total aged 20 to 24 years, see Table 8.

TABLE 9. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 20 TO 24 YEARS (SINGLE YEARS), BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS – *continued*

	<i>Unemployed</i>					<i>Civilian population</i>	<i>Unemploy- ment rate</i>	<i>Particip- ation rate</i>
	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>			
– '000 –					– per cent –			
24 YEARS								
1979 (a)	171.4	9.6	11.2	182.6	50.6	233.2	6.1	78.3
1979 –								
February (b)	169.3	11.5	14.0	183.3	54.1	237.4	7.7	77.2
March	168.8	11.0	12.5	181.3	52.9	234.2	6.9	77.4
April	169.6	10.6	12.8	182.4	51.2	233.6	7.0	78.1
May	164.1	11.3	12.6	176.7	53.8	230.4	7.1	76.7
June	166.6	7.5	8.3	174.9	53.8	228.7	4.8	76.5
July	173.3	6.8	9.4	182.8	49.8	232.5	5.2	78.6
August	174.9	8.9	9.5	184.4	51.1	235.4	5.1	78.3
September	175.5	10.3	12.2	187.7	47.3	235.0	6.5	79.9
October	176.5	8.7	10.2	186.7	46.5	233.2	5.4	80.0
November	172.4	8.8	10.8	183.2	47.4	230.6	5.9	79.4
December	173.9	10.4	11.4	185.3	48.7	234.0	6.2	79.2

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Estimates are not available for earlier periods. For total aged 20 to 24 years, see Table 8.

TABLE 10. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 25 YEARS AND OVER BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	<i>Unemployed</i>			<i>Total</i>	<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>	<i>Looking for part-time work</i>						
				— '000 —				— per cent —	
<b>MALES</b>									
1978 (a)	3,028.5	104.5	*	108.4	3,136.9	793.4	3,930.3	3.5	79.8
1979 (b)	3,061.8	93.9	5.0	98.9	3,160.7	841.3	4,001.9	3.1	78.8
1979 —									
January	3,010.3	103.7	*	107.1	3,117.4	849.8	3,967.1	3.4	78.6
February	3,032.7	109.3	*	113.2	3,145.9	828.7	3,974.6	3.6	79.2
March	3,049.0	98.5	6.3	104.8	3,153.8	829.1	3,982.8	3.3	79.2
April	3,054.5	96.4	5.8	102.2	3,156.8	832.1	3,988.8	3.2	79.1
May	3,051.8	97.6	4.8	102.4	3,154.2	840.2	3,994.4	3.2	79.0
June	3,067.7	97.8	5.0	102.7	3,170.4	827.3	3,997.7	3.2	79.3
July	3,066.6	91.1	5.7	96.8	3,163.4	839.6	4,003.1	3.1	77.1
August	3,060.4	87.1	*	91.5	3,151.8	856.6	4,008.4	2.9	78.6
September	3,087.0	87.7	5.6	93.3	3,180.3	835.1	4,015.4	2.9	79.2
October	3,085.2	87.6	6.0	93.6	3,178.9	843.3	4,022.2	2.9	79.0
November	3,082.4	84.0	*	87.8	3,170.2	859.2	4,029.4	2.8	78.7
December	3,094.0	86.0	4.9	90.8	3,184.8	854.2	4,039.0	2.9	78.9
<b>FEMALES</b>									
1978 (a)	1,466.8	45.3	31.0	76.3	1,543.1	2,539.2	4,082.2	4.9	37.8
1979 (b)	1,486.4	44.9	33.1	78.0	1,564.4	2,597.2	4,161.6	5.0	37.6
1979 —									
January	1,397.9	43.7	25.2	68.9	1,466.9	2,656.2	4,123.0	4.7	35.6
February	1,451.6	48.0	38.6	86.7	1,538.2	2,592.8	4,131.0	5.6	37.2
March	1,484.7	49.3	34.4	83.7	1,568.4	2,568.8	4,137.2	5.3	37.9
April	1,479.7	48.5	36.7	85.2	1,564.9	2,581.8	4,146.6	5.4	37.7
May	1,470.3	43.4	28.5	72.0	1,542.3	2,610.4	4,152.7	4.7	37.1
June	1,484.0	39.0	33.6	72.6	1,556.6	2,600.5	4,157.1	4.7	37.4
July	1,489.0	44.1	33.2	77.2	1,566.3	2,597.2	4,163.4	4.9	37.6
August	1,478.2	42.1	31.6	73.8	1,552.0	2,617.7	4,169.7	4.8	37.2
September	1,506.8	46.8	34.9	81.8	1,588.5	2,588.9	4,177.4	5.1	38.0
October	1,533.0	47.6	35.8	83.5	1,616.5	2,568.4	4,184.9	5.2	38.6
November	1,539.5	42.2	34.2	76.4	1,615.9	2,576.9	4,192.8	4.7	38.5
December	1,522.5	43.9	30.0	73.9	1,596.4	2,606.6	4,203.1	4.6	38.0
<b>PERSONS</b>									
1978 (a)	4,495.2	149.8	34.9	184.7	4,680.0	3,332.6	8,012.5	3.9	58.4
1979 (b)	4,548.2	138.8	38.0	176.8	4,725.1	3,438.4	8,163.5	3.7	57.9
1979 —									
January	4,408.2	147.4	28.6	176.0	4,584.2	3,505.9	8,090.2	3.8	56.7
February	4,484.3	157.4	42.5	199.9	4,684.2	3,421.5	8,105.6	4.3	57.8
March	4,533.7	147.8	40.7	188.5	4,722.2	3,397.9	8,120.0	4.0	58.2
April	4,534.2	144.9	42.5	187.4	4,721.6	3,413.8	8,135.4	4.0	58.0
May	4,522.1	141.0	33.3	174.4	4,696.5	3,450.5	8,147.0	3.7	57.6
June	4,551.7	136.7	38.6	175.3	4,727.0	3,427.8	8,154.8	3.7	58.0
July	4,555.6	135.2	38.9	174.1	4,729.7	3,436.8	8,166.5	3.7	57.9
August	4,538.6	129.2	36.0	165.2	4,703.8	3,474.3	8,178.1	3.5	57.5
September	4,593.8	134.5	40.6	175.1	4,768.8	3,424.0	8,192.9	3.7	58.2
October	4,618.3	135.2	41.9	177.1	4,795.3	3,411.7	8,207.1	3.7	58.4
November	4,621.9	126.2	37.9	164.1	4,786.1	3,436.1	8,222.2	3.4	58.2
December	4,616.5	129.9	34.9	164.8	4,781.2	3,460.8	8,242.0	3.4	58.0

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 11. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE : SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES (a)

Month	Males		Married women		All females		Persons	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
EMPLOYED ('000)								
1966 --								
August	3,365.6	3,373.5	761.2	762.8	1,458.2	1,462.4	4,823.9	4,836.1
November	3,373.1	3,383.5	780.6	766.9	1,480.6	1,475.4	4,853.7	4,855.3
1967 --								
February	3,403.7	3,388.3	778.8	785.2	1,497.6	1,494.9	4,901.3	4,886.3
May	3,404.1	3,401.3	794.5	800.6	1,502.4	1,506.0	4,906.5	4,907.5
August	3,410.0	3,417.7	815.6	817.5	1,523.0	1,528.0	4,933.0	4,945.7
November	3,432.3	3,443.2	844.9	829.5	1,538.9	1,532.4	4,971.2	4,972.4
1968 --								
February	3,464.6	3,449.1	842.5	850.1	1,553.3	1,551.5	5,017.9	5,003.3
May	3,465.3	3,462.2	854.4	860.7	1,567.3	1,570.5	5,032.6	5,033.0
August	3,478.2	3,485.3	869.3	871.6	1,577.5	1,583.4	5,055.6	5,068.6
November	3,487.8	3,499.5	887.1	869.9	1,591.0	1,582.6	5,078.8	5,079.5
1969 --								
February	3,540.4	3,525.3	900.4	909.8	1,612.5	1,612.0	5,152.9	5,139.6
May	3,542.4	3,538.7	908.3	914.7	1,617.5	1,620.5	5,159.9	5,159.2
August	3,546.7	3,553.3	932.8	935.3	1,636.2	1,643.1	5,183.0	5,196.4
November	3,562.9	3,574.9	984.2	964.1	1,691.7	1,680.8	5,254.6	5,253.9
1970 --								
February	3,631.5	3,617.4	969.4	980.9	1,700.2	1,701.0	5,331.7	5,320.7
May	3,641.8	3,637.0	1,001.9	1,008.3	1,729.9	1,733.5	5,371.7	5,369.6
August	3,647.7	3,654.4	1,031.4	1,034.1	1,747.8	1,755.5	5,395.6	5,410.0
November	3,651.5	3,663.2	1,082.9	1,060.6	1,799.4	1,785.9	5,450.9	5,448.4
1971 --								
February	3,695.7	3,683.2	1,056.4	1,069.9	1,795.8	1,797.6	5,491.5	5,482.3
May	3,707.2	3,700.8	1,081.7	1,087.8	1,819.4	1,823.8	5,526.6	5,523.1
August	3,712.7	3,720.4	1,089.5	1,092.3	1,803.0	1,811.6	5,515.7	5,532.2
November	3,713.7	3,723.7	1,122.5	1,100.1	1,819.1	1,803.4	5,532.8	5,527.2
1972 --								
February	3,740.2	3,730.1	1,088.8	1,102.9	1,803.3	1,805.9	5,543.5	5,537.0
May	3,756.4	3,748.2	1,109.2	1,114.2	1,811.3	1,816.2	5,567.7	5,562.2
August	3,757.7	3,767.0	1,155.7	1,158.9	1,852.1	1,861.4	5,609.9	5,629.6
November	3,780.2	3,788.2	1,191.2	1,169.0	1,904.1	1,886.2	5,684.3	5,675.2
1973 --								
February	3,801.5	3,793.4	1,179.1	1,193.3	1,906.8	1,910.4	5,708.3	5,704.1
May	3,804.6	3,794.5	1,209.7	1,214.1	1,915.0	1,919.9	5,719.6	5,711.1
August	3,839.6	3,850.9	1,228.2	1,231.7	1,943.3	1,953.5	5,783.0	5,807.2
November (b)	3,854.9	3,861.3	1,266.8	1,245.4	1,994.4	1,975.1	5,849.3	5,836.8
1974 --								
February	3,890.1	3,883.1	1,272.2	1,286.3	2,012.0	2,016.8	5,902.0	5,900.2
May	3,894.2	3,882.6	1,301.8	1,305.1	2,023.8	2,027.6	5,917.9	5,905.7
August (b)	3,847.1	3,859.8	1,302.6	1,306.5	2,008.1	2,018.5	5,855.2	5,882.6
November	3,843.7	3,849.3	1,329.5	1,309.6	2,045.8	2,026.7	5,889.5	5,876.0
1975 --								
February	3,829.4	3,822.9	1,275.3	1,288.5	1,998.4	2,005.2	5,827.8	5,828.0
May	3,839.4	3,826.9	1,289.6	1,291.2	2,012.3	2,013.2	5,851.6	5,835.6
August	3,820.6	3,834.4	1,303.6	1,307.2	2,020.8	2,030.6	5,841.3	5,869.9
November	3,835.3	3,840.9	1,361.4	1,343.3	2,109.5	2,091.3	5,944.8	5,932.3
1976 --								
February	3,863.3	3,856.4	1,343.3	1,357.3	2,085.5	2,095.5	5,948.8	5,950.7
May	3,886.9	3,874.2	1,346.6	1,346.4	2,095.5	2,093.3	5,982.3	5,963.2
August (b)	3,836.3	3,850.0	1,337.8	1,340.8	2,061.5	2,069.4	5,897.8	5,925.0
November	3,866.0	3,872.4	1,361.6	1,345.5	2,089.0	2,073.4	5,955.0	5,945.4
1977 --								
February	3,890.2	3,882.6	1,355.5	1,370.1	2,095.1	2,107.8	5,985.2	5,988.6
May	3,891.5	3,879.0	1,382.0	1,380.4	2,132.7	2,127.8	6,024.2	6,003.0
August	3,866.8	3,880.2	1,374.5	1,376.5	2,128.6	2,134.0	5,995.4	6,020.3
November	3,867.3	3,874.5	1,368.9	1,354.5	2,128.2	2,115.0	5,995.4	5,989.2
1978 --								
February (c)	3,857.4	3,848.9	1,320.9	1,335.7	2,074.8	2,088.8	5,932.3	5,936.0
May	3,863.5	3,851.8	1,356.5	1,354.0	2,135.3	2,129.7	5,998.7	5,977.7
August	3,832.3	3,844.9	1,357.7	1,358.5	2,137.2	2,139.6	5,969.6	5,990.8
November	3,846.1	3,853.9	1,373.4	1,360.3	2,151.2	2,140.3	5,997.3	5,993.9
1979 --								
February	3,893.6	3,884.6	1,346.1	1,361.4	2,125.4	2,140.4	6,018.9	6,022.6
May	3,908.3	3,896.8	1,356.3	1,353.3	2,135.0	2,128.8	6,043.3	6,022.3
August	3,904.5	3,917.2	1,347.2	1,347.5	2,136.9	2,138.0	6,041.5	6,061.0
November	3,931.2	3,939.4	1,408.5	1,395.8	2,219.4	2,209.4	6,150.6	6,148.5

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TABLE 11. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE : SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES (a) – continued

Month	Males		Married women		All females		Persons	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
LABOUR FORCE ('000)								
1966 –								
August	3,404.6	3,416.4	782.5	787.4	1,497.9	1,509.2	4,902.5	4,926.3
November	3,405.4	3,420.2	804.1	793.7	1,524.0	1,523.6	4,929.4	4,939.9
1967 –								
February	3,457.8	3,434.0	807.8	810.9	1,552.3	1,540.8	5,010.0	4,976.8
May	3,450.3	3,447.4	827.8	830.2	1,556.6	1,556.7	5,006.8	5,005.1
August	3,452.5	3,464.3	842.6	848.2	1,567.3	1,579.9	5,019.8	5,044.9
November	3,468.2	3,483.2	870.6	858.7	1,585.3	1,583.7	5,053.5	5,063.2
1968 –								
February	3,514.9	3,491.2	875.9	879.8	1,615.1	1,603.9	5,130.0	5,097.1
May	3,509.1	3,505.8	888.2	890.8	1,623.8	1,623.7	5,132.9	5,130.5
August	3,514.0	3,525.9	897.0	903.4	1,622.8	1,636.8	5,136.8	5,163.3
November	3,523.2	3,538.2	913.9	900.4	1,637.5	1,634.1	5,160.7	5,168.8
1969 –								
February	3,589.7	3,566.3	935.2	939.9	1,675.4	1,664.5	5,265.1	5,232.6
May	3,582.5	3,579.0	945.6	948.5	1,673.3	1,673.6	5,255.8	5,253.6
August	3,580.8	3,592.6	962.3	969.3	1,681.1	1,696.6	5,261.9	5,289.8
November	3,606.2	3,620.9	1,017.0	1,001.1	1,745.9	1,740.2	5,352.1	5,357.9
1970 –								
February	3,675.6	3,652.8	1,008.1	1,013.5	1,761.6	1,750.0	5,437.2	5,404.2
May	3,680.7	3,676.9	1,038.2	1,041.8	1,783.9	1,785.9	5,464.6	5,464.2
August	3,684.4	3,696.6	1,057.7	1,065.5	1,789.3	1,806.7	5,473.8	5,503.4
November	3,691.2	3,704.9	1,111.4	1,093.8	1,845.4	1,836.8	5,536.6	5,539.4
1971 –								
February	3,743.7	3,721.6	1,101.2	1,106.8	1,864.6	1,851.8	5,608.3	5,574.1
May	3,757.8	3,754.0	1,121.2	1,125.4	1,876.4	1,880.6	5,634.3	5,636.8
August	3,756.5	3,769.5	1,121.6	1,129.9	1,851.9	1,871.2	5,608.4	5,640.0
November	3,771.6	3,783.9	1,153.3	1,135.5	1,873.1	1,861.8	5,644.7	5,643.9
1972 –								
February	3,826.1	3,804.4	1,137.5	1,142.4	1,884.8	1,871.0	5,710.9	5,675.3
May	3,821.5	3,817.2	1,151.9	1,156.5	1,880.4	1,886.9	5,701.9	5,707.0
August	3,832.5	3,847.5	1,194.4	1,203.0	1,921.4	1,942.0	5,753.9	5,788.5
November	3,853.0	3,863.9	1,235.4	1,218.0	1,986.2	1,972.8	5,839.2	5,835.3
1973 –								
February	3,883.2	3,861.2	1,237.4	1,240.8	2,008.0	1,992.4	5,891.2	5,853.2
May	3,867.8	3,862.7	1,249.2	1,254.5	1,984.3	1,992.5	5,852.1	5,858.1
August	3,891.0	3,908.9	1,259.7	1,268.0	1,997.8	2,019.0	5,888.7	5,926.9
November (b)	3,914.1	3,923.9	1,298.6	1,282.9	2,058.9	2,045.7	5,973.1	5,968.2
1974 –								
February	3,958.5	3,935.6	1,322.2	1,323.9	2,099.2	2,082.0	6,057.6	6,017.3
May	3,948.1	3,941.6	1,342.5	1,347.9	2,093.8	2,102.4	6,041.9	6,046.4
August (b)	3,914.9	3,935.2	1,347.8	1,355.4	2,081.2	2,101.9	5,996.1	6,036.5
November	3,957.2	3,967.8	1,391.9	1,378.6	2,158.2	2,147.0	6,115.5	6,113.3
1975 –								
February	3,995.4	3,970.3	1,365.4	1,366.4	2,165.6	2,149.0	6,160.9	6,119.5
May	3,983.8	3,976.1	1,368.0	1,371.8	2,156.1	2,161.8	6,139.8	6,139.4
August	3,959.4	3,981.6	1,371.7	1,378.0	2,160.3	2,179.7	6,119.7	6,160.9
November	3,985.5	3,998.4	1,444.0	1,433.8	2,269.4	2,262.0	6,254.9	6,259.4
1976 –								
February	4,035.0	4,007.2	1,429.6	1,431.1	2,255.9	2,240.8	6,290.9	6,248.3
May	4,028.6	4,020.1	1,409.6	1,411.1	2,229.6	2,231.4	6,258.2	6,252.3
August (b)	3,992.9	4,015.3	1,400.9	1,405.4	2,197.6	2,213.8	6,190.5	6,229.4
November	4,021.2	4,037.5	1,412.9	1,406.3	2,215.3	2,213.3	6,236.5	6,249.5
1977 –								
February	4,076.2	4,045.3	1,438.3	1,440.8	2,281.3	2,268.4	6,357.5	6,314.3
May	4,076.2	4,067.7	1,456.6	1,455.8	2,301.8	2,299.7	6,378.0	6,367.4
August	4,056.9	4,079.1	1,451.2	1,453.9	2,297.8	2,311.0	6,354.7	6,390.5
November	4,050.4	4,069.3	1,436.6	1,432.9	2,291.9	2,295.0	6,342.2	6,363.6
1978 –								
February (c)	4,112.4	4,079.4	1,413.6	1,416.8	2,296.9	2,285.2	6,409.3	6,364.9
May	4,072.6	4,064.8	1,440.4	1,438.0	2,321.4	2,317.2	6,394.0	6,381.9
August	4,053.8	4,074.7	1,434.9	1,436.0	2,311.5	2,321.6	6,365.3	6,396.5
November	4,052.4	4,072.9	1,436.8	1,435.3	2,314.6	2,321.3	6,367.0	6,393.9
1979 –								
February	4,135.4	4,101.4	1,431.8	1,435.4	2,337.5	2,326.4	6,472.9	6,427.9
May	4,118.9	4,111.4	1,428.5	1,425.0	2,321.0	2,315.3	6,439.9	6,426.9
August	4,100.7	4,121.1	1,420.8	1,421.6	2,314.6	2,323.7	6,415.3	6,444.5
November	4,115.0	4,136.6	1,485.0	1,484.6	2,396.2	2,404.9	6,511.2	6,541.4

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TABLE 11. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE : SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES (a) — continued

Month	Males		Married women		All females		Persons	
	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Original	Seasonally adjusted
PARTICIPATION RATE (per cent)								
1966 —								
August	84.0	84.2	29.0	29.1	36.3	36.6	59.9	60.2
November	83.7	84.0	29.6	29.2	36.8	36.8	60.1	60.2
1967 —								
February	84.4	83.9	29.5	29.7	37.2	37.0	60.6	60.2
May	83.8	83.8	30.0	30.2	37.1	37.1	60.2	60.2
August	83.5	83.8	30.5	30.7	37.2	37.5	60.1	60.4
November	83.5	83.8	31.3	30.9	37.5	37.4	60.3	60.4
1968 —								
February	84.1	83.6	31.2	31.4	37.9	37.7	60.8	60.4
May	83.5	83.5	31.5	31.6	37.9	37.9	60.5	60.5
August	83.2	83.4	31.6	31.8	37.7	38.0	60.2	60.5
November	83.0	83.3	32.1	31.6	37.8	37.7	60.2	60.3
1969 —								
February	83.9	83.4	32.4	32.5	38.4	38.2	60.9	60.6
May	83.2	83.1	32.5	32.6	38.1	38.1	60.4	60.5
August	82.7	82.9	32.9	33.1	38.1	38.4	60.2	60.5
November	82.8	83.1	34.5	34.0	39.3	39.2	60.9	60.9
1970 —								
February	83.8	83.3	34.0	34.2	39.4	39.2	61.4	61.0
May	83.4	83.3	34.7	34.9	39.7	39.7	61.3	61.4
August	83.1	83.4	35.2	35.3	39.6	40.0	61.2	61.5
November	82.7	83.0	36.6	36.0	40.6	40.4	61.5	61.5
1971 —								
February	83.3	82.8	35.9	36.1	40.7	40.5	61.8	61.4
May	83.1	83.1	36.4	36.6	40.8	40.9	61.8	61.8
August	82.5	82.7	36.4	36.6	40.0	40.4	61.0	61.3
November	82.4	82.6	37.0	36.4	40.2	39.9	61.1	61.1
1972 —								
February	83.1	82.6	36.3	36.5	40.2	39.9	61.5	61.1
May	82.7	82.6	36.3	36.6	39.9	40.1	61.1	61.2
August	82.5	82.8	37.5	37.7	40.6	40.0	61.3	61.7
November	82.5	82.7	38.7	38.1	41.8	41.5	62.0	61.9
1973 —								
February	82.8	82.3	38.5	38.6	42.0	41.7	62.2	61.8
May	82.1	82.0	38.5	38.8	41.3	41.5	61.5	61.6
August	82.1	82.5	39.0	39.2	41.4	41.8	61.6	62.0
November (b)	82.2	82.4	40.0	39.5	42.4	42.2	62.1	62.1
1974 —								
February	82.6	82.2	40.4	40.4	43.0	42.7	62.6	62.2
May	82.0	81.9	40.5	40.8	42.7	42.8	62.2	62.2
August (b)	81.0	81.4	40.7	40.8	42.2	42.6	61.4	61.8
November	81.4	81.6	41.8	41.4	43.5	43.3	62.3	62.2
1975 —								
February	82.0	81.5	41.2	41.2	43.5	43.2	62.6	62.1
May	81.3	81.2	41.1	41.3	43.1	43.2	62.0	62.0
August	80.5	81.0	41.1	41.2	43.0	43.4	61.6	62.0
November	80.7	81.0	43.3	43.0	45.0	44.8	62.7	62.7
1976 —								
February	81.4	80.8	42.5	42.5	44.5	44.2	62.7	62.3
May	81.0	80.8	41.9	42.0	43.8	43.8	62.2	62.1
August (b)	80.0	80.4	41.5	41.6	43.0	43.3	61.3	61.7
November	80.2	80.4	41.8	41.5	43.2	43.1	61.5	61.6
1977 —								
February	80.9	80.3	42.3	42.4	44.3	44.0	62.4	62.0
May	80.5	80.4	42.8	42.8	44.4	44.4	62.3	62.2
August	79.8	80.3	42.6	42.6	44.2	44.4	61.8	62.1
November	79.3	79.6	42.3	42.1	43.8	43.9	61.4	61.6
1978 —								
February (c)	80.1	79.5	41.5	41.6	43.7	43.5	61.7	61.3
May	78.9	78.8	42.4	42.4	43.9	43.8	61.2	61.1
August	78.3	78.7	42.1	42.0	43.5	43.7	60.7	61.0
November	77.9	78.2	42.0	41.9	43.4	43.5	60.5	60.7
1979 —								
February	79.1	78.5	41.4	41.6	43.6	43.4	61.2	60.7
May	78.4	78.3	41.2	41.3	43.1	43.0	60.6	60.5
August	77.8	78.3	41.3	41.2	42.9	43.0	60.1	60.4
November	77.8	78.0	42.8	42.7	44.2	44.3	60.7	61.0

(a) See paragraphs 35 and 36. (b) Affected by industrial disputes. (c) First of monthly series. For information on the change in the timing of the survey see the explanatory notes to the 1978 issue of this publication.

TABLE 12. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
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	<i>Married men</i>	<i>Other males (a)</i>	<i>All males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Other females (a)</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
15-19 YEARS							
1979(b)	*	415.1	419.2	16.2	352.1	368.2	787.4
1979 -							
January	4.8	442.7	447.5	18.1	374.6	392.6	840.2
February	5.1	427.0	432.1	16.3	363.8	380.1	812.2
March	*	423.7	426.9	18.4	357.4	375.8	802.6
April	*	421.9	426.1	16.7	354.1	370.7	796.8
May	*	412.4	416.5	17.3	346.6	363.9	780.4
June	*	400.6	404.3	17.0	340.9	357.9	762.2
July	*	396.1	400.0	17.0	336.3	353.3	753.3
August	*	397.8	402.0	14.4	331.1	345.5	747.5
September	*	405.8	409.4	13.1	347.5	360.6	770.0
October	*	396.2	400.5	14.5	338.7	353.2	753.7
November	*	396.6	400.1	14.9	345.4	360.3	760.4
December	4.6	460.0	464.6	16.3	388.6	404.9	869.5
20-24 YEARS							
1979(b)	153.2	396.4	549.6	169.6	248.1	417.6	967.3
1979 -							
January	154.1	400.3	554.3	162.7	244.6	407.3	961.6
February	154.5	402.9	557.4	176.5	242.7	419.2	976.5
March	154.0	392.7	546.7	173.3	241.8	415.1	961.8
April	157.6	384.2	541.8	166.6	246.4	413.0	954.7
May	153.6	394.6	548.2	167.4	247.4	414.8	963.0
June	147.6	393.3	540.9	169.6	247.2	416.8	957.7
July	154.7	394.3	549.0	169.7	248.5	418.2	967.1
August	157.5	389.4	546.8	167.3	249.8	417.1	964.0
September	150.6	400.5	551.1	174.2	250.5	424.6	975.8
October	148.8	398.7	547.5	167.8	248.7	416.5	964.0
November	152.9	391.8	544.7	170.1	250.0	420.1	964.8
December	152.5	414.5	567.0	169.9	259.2	429.0	996.1
25-34 YEARS							
1979(b)	843.9	257.7	1,101.6	449.8	132.0	581.7	1,683.3
1979 -							
January	835.0	258.6	1,093.6	421.6	129.2	550.8	1,644.5
February	846.2	254.3	1,100.5	448.7	127.8	576.5	1,677.0
March	850.2	254.1	1,104.2	454.0	132.0	586.0	1,690.2
April	839.1	261.9	1,101.0	456.2	129.9	586.1	1,687.2
May	845.0	255.7	1,100.7	446.2	126.8	573.0	1,673.7
June	842.6	258.9	1,101.6	447.3	131.4	578.7	1,680.3
July	846.9	252.9	1,099.8	447.2	132.2	579.5	1,679.2
August	844.5	254.3	1,098.8	441.3	134.2	575.5	1,674.3
September	843.7	260.0	1,103.7	451.4	130.0	581.4	1,685.1
October	846.8	258.1	1,104.9	466.9	135.9	602.8	1,707.7
November	843.8	259.3	1,103.1	463.4	133.5	596.9	1,700.0
December	842.8	264.6	1,107.4	452.8	140.6	593.4	1,700.8
35-44 YEARS							
1979(b)	745.7	89.0	834.7	416.3	59.6	475.9	1,310.6
1979 -							
January	724.2	91.1	815.3	370.5	58.7	429.2	1,244.5
February	744.9	82.3	827.2	401.2	58.3	459.5	1,286.7
March	742.8	87.9	830.7	419.2	56.6	475.8	1,306.5
April	749.1	83.6	832.7	420.9	56.7	477.6	1,310.3
May	743.2	88.9	832.1	421.9	55.4	477.3	1,309.4
June	742.6	91.0	833.6	416.6	57.3	473.9	1,307.6
July	743.0	89.5	832.6	422.4	56.6	479.0	1,311.6
August	747.3	88.2	835.4	417.8	59.0	476.8	1,312.2
September	749.8	91.3	841.1	423.1	61.9	484.9	1,326.0
October	754.7	88.9	843.6	428.4	65.0	493.3	1,337.0
November	752.4	91.4	843.8	431.2	63.3	494.5	1,338.4
December	754.4	94.1	848.4	422.3	66.3	488.6	1,337.0

(a) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 12. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS – *continued*  
(‘000)

	<i>Married men</i>	<i>Other males (a)</i>	<i>All males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Other females (a)</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
45-54 YEARS							
1979(b)	635.5	79.1	714.6	285.5	64.0	349.6	1,064.2
1979 –							
January	624.4	81.8	706.2	271.4	59.5	330.9	1,037.1
February	629.8	84.0	713.8	279.4	63.2	342.6	1,056.4
March	639.4	79.9	719.3	280.7	66.6	347.3	1,066.6
April	638.0	79.7	717.7	280.6	63.9	344.5	1,062.2
May	635.6	80.8	716.5	275.1	62.5	337.6	1,054.1
June	638.9	81.2	720.1	283.3	63.0	346.3	1,066.4
July	638.2	77.7	715.9	286.1	65.6	351.7	1,067.7
August	634.6	75.8	710.4	282.6	64.2	346.9	1,057.2
September	638.7	79.1	717.9	296.2	68.1	364.3	1,082.2
October	638.9	76.0	714.9	295.9	66.1	362.0	1,076.9
November	635.7	76.4	712.1	300.0	63.8	363.9	1,075.9
December	633.9	76.3	710.1	295.2	62.0	357.3	1,067.4
55-59 YEARS							
1979(b)	258.2	33.2	291.4	72.2	27.3	99.5	390.9
1979 –							
January	246.4	35.5	281.9	71.2	29.1	100.4	382.2
February	250.7	33.9	284.6	78.6	25.9	104.5	389.1
March	250.4	35.3	285.7	75.6	27.1	102.7	388.4
April	250.6	37.2	287.7	72.1	28.5	100.6	388.4
May	253.6	34.7	288.3	71.1	27.2	98.3	386.6
June	257.3	36.4	293.8	69.9	27.9	97.9	391.6
July	259.9	36.3	296.2	71.4	27.8	99.2	395.4
August	261.2	30.9	292.1	66.2	27.8	94.0	386.1
September	266.9	31.6	298.5	69.8	25.9	95.7	394.3
October	268.5	28.8	297.3	72.7	25.1	97.8	395.1
November	266.0	28.8	294.8	74.3	27.7	102.0	396.8
December	266.6	29.0	295.6	73.8	27.1	100.9	396.5
60-64 YEARS							
1979(b)	132.0	20.1	152.1	22.6	16.1	38.8	190.9
1979 –							
January	135.4	19.9	155.4	21.7	14.2	35.9	191.3
February	139.4	19.2	158.6	23.2	14.3	37.5	196.1
March	133.6	19.4	153.0	21.5	17.2	38.8	191.7
April	131.3	21.4	152.6	21.9	16.8	38.6	191.3
May	131.0	20.3	151.4	23.4	17.2	40.6	192.0
June	131.0	21.3	152.3	24.0	17.8	41.8	194.1
July	130.0	20.9	150.9	21.9	16.9	38.8	189.7
August	129.2	20.3	149.4	23.1	16.8	39.9	189.4
September	130.6	20.2	150.8	23.6	18.8	42.4	193.1
October	130.1	19.2	149.3	22.8	15.6	38.4	187.8
November	129.7	18.8	148.4	23.0	14.2	37.2	185.7
December	132.2	20.7	152.8	21.3	13.9	35.2	188.0
65 YEARS AND OVER							
1979(b)	52.9	13.4	66.3	7.7	11.3	19.0	85.2
1979 –							
January	51.2	13.8	65.0	8.2	11.5	19.7	84.7
February	47.7	13.4	61.1	7.9	9.7	17.7	78.8
March	48.3	12.6	60.9	6.7	11.1	17.8	78.7
April	51.0	13.9	64.9	7.0	10.4	17.4	82.3
May	51.6	13.6	65.2	6.1	9.4	15.5	80.7
June	53.8	15.3	69.1	7.9	10.1	18.0	87.1
July	55.0	13.0	68.0	7.5	10.6	18.1	86.2
August	52.4	13.2	65.6	8.1	10.8	18.9	84.5
September	54.4	14.0	68.3	7.8	12.0	19.8	88.1
October	56.4	12.4	68.8	7.9	14.2	22.1	90.9
November	56.4	11.5	67.9	8.0	13.4	21.4	89.3
December	56.1	14.3	70.4	8.8	12.3	21.1	91.5

(a) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 13. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES, BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
(per cent)

	<i>Married men</i>	<i>Other males (a)</i>	<i>All males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Other females (a)</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
15-19 YEARS							
1979(b)	*	63.9	64.1	50.8	59.1	58.6	61.4
1979 -							
January	88.5	68.6	68.7	51.8	63.4	62.7	65.8
February	83.4	66.2	66.3	47.2	61.5	60.7	63.6
March	*	65.0	65.1	55.4	59.9	59.7	62.5
April	*	64.9	65.1	51.0	59.3	58.9	62.0
May	*	63.4	63.6	53.1	58.1	57.9	60.8
June	*	61.6	61.7	56.7	56.9	56.9	59.4
July	*	60.9	61.1	52.2	56.4	56.2	58.7
August	*	61.3	61.4	47.2	55.4	55.0	58.3
September	*	62.5	62.6	46.6	57.9	57.4	60.0
October	*	61.0	61.2	48.2	56.6	56.2	58.8
November	*	61.0	61.1	49.1	57.8	57.4	59.3
December	100.0	70.8	71.0	48.2	65.4	64.5	67.8
20-24 YEARS							
1979(b)	97.1	88.8	91.0	56.1	82.8	69.4	80.2
1979 -							
January	97.0	90.8	92.4	52.9	84.0	68.0	80.2
February	97.7	90.9	92.7	56.3	84.8	69.9	81.3
March	96.7	89.0	91.1	55.8	83.9	69.3	80.2
April	97.3	87.4	90.1	54.8	83.3	68.8	79.5
May	96.7	89.1	91.1	54.6	84.1	69.1	80.1
June	96.1	87.5	89.7	56.6	82.1	69.4	79.6
July	97.0	88.7	90.9	56.6	82.2	69.5	80.2
August	97.5	87.7	90.3	56.5	81.5	69.2	79.8
September	97.7	88.7	91.0	58.6	81.9	70.4	80.7
October	97.2	87.7	90.1	56.7	80.6	68.9	79.5
November	96.6	87.0	89.5	57.4	80.8	69.4	79.4
December	97.3	91.4	92.9	56.9	84.0	70.7	81.8
25-34 YEARS							
1979(b)	97.7	91.3	96.2	46.7	75.1	51.0	73.7
1979 -							
January	97.5	92.2	96.2	44.0	75.6	48.8	72.6
February	98.0	92.3	96.6	46.7	75.3	51.0	73.9
March	98.1	92.3	96.7	47.3	75.8	51.7	74.3
April	97.8	92.0	96.4	47.4	74.7	51.6	74.1
May	97.8	91.4	96.2	46.2	73.8	50.4	73.4
June	98.0	91.1	96.3	46.5	74.9	50.9	73.6
July	97.7	90.6	96.0	46.3	75.6	50.8	73.5
August	97.5	90.3	95.8	45.7	75.9	50.4	73.1
September	97.5	91.6	96.1	46.7	73.3	50.8	73.5
October	97.6	91.1	96.0	48.3	75.4	52.6	74.3
November	97.7	89.9	95.7	47.7	75.1	52.0	73.9
December	97.6	91.0	95.9	46.9	75.8	51.5	73.8
35-44 YEARS							
1979(b)	97.1	86.7	95.8	56.2	65.1	57.1	76.9
1979 -							
January	96.2	84.8	94.8	50.7	63.9	52.2	73.9
February	97.0	87.2	95.9	54.7	63.7	55.7	76.2
March	97.4	88.7	96.4	56.9	65.2	57.8	77.5
April	97.5	87.3	96.3	56.9	64.9	57.8	77.5
May	97.0	88.4	96.0	56.9	63.4	57.6	77.2
June	97.3	86.6	96.0	56.2	64.3	57.1	77.0
July	97.0	85.0	95.6	56.9	62.0	57.5	77.0
August	97.0	85.1	95.6	56.3	63.3	57.1	76.8
September	97.3	86.4	96.0	56.6	68.0	57.9	77.4
October	97.3	86.3	96.0	57.5	67.7	58.7	77.8
November	97.0	86.0	95.7	57.7	66.2	58.6	77.6
December	96.9	88.4	95.9	56.5	67.3	57.8	77.3

(a) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 13. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES, BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS — *continued*  
(per cent)

	<i>Married men</i>	<i>Other males (a)</i>	<i>All males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Other females (a)</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
45-54 YEARS							
1979(b)	93.4	79.4	91.6	45.5	56.2	47.1	69.9
1979 —							
January	92.3	77.8	90.3	42.6	55.5	44.5	68.0
February	93.1	80.1	91.3	44.2	56.9	46.1	69.3
March	93.7	80.9	92.0	44.5	59.0	46.7	70.0
April	93.5	80.7	91.9	44.5	57.2	46.4	69.7
May	93.5	80.2	91.8	43.8	54.7	45.5	69.2
June	94.2	80.0	92.3	45.1	55.4	46.7	70.1
July	93.7	78.9	91.8	45.8	56.5	47.5	70.2
August	93.3	76.5	91.2	45.0	57.2	46.8	69.6
September	93.8	80.7	92.2	47.6	57.2	49.2	71.2
October	93.5	79.5	91.8	47.6	55.4	48.9	70.9
November	93.3	78.4	91.4	47.4	55.9	49.1	70.8
December	93.0	78.7	91.2	47.3	53.7	48.3	70.3
55-59 YEARS							
1979(b)	84.4	67.3	82.1	25.7	35.4	27.8	54.8
1979 —							
January	83.1	67.9	80.8	25.9	37.9	28.5	54.6
February	83.8	67.3	81.4	28.1	35.3	29.6	55.4
March	83.3	67.7	81.0	27.2	34.9	28.8	54.8
April	84.7	64.4	81.4	26.0	35.6	28.2	54.6
May	84.8	62.7	81.3	25.3	35.2	27.5	54.3
June	85.0	69.6	82.7	24.9	36.0	27.3	54.9
July	85.1	71.8	83.3	25.3	35.8	27.6	55.3
August	84.1	67.2	81.4	23.7	34.6	26.1	53.9
September	85.1	72.6	83.5	24.4	34.8	26.6	54.9
October	85.4	65.8	83.0	25.6	32.5	27.1	54.9
November	84.4	66.3	82.2	26.1	35.8	28.2	55.1
December	84.4	66.6	82.2	25.8	35.8	27.8	54.8
60-64 YEARS							
1979(b)	55.8	46.3	54.4	11.0	16.8	12.8	32.8
1979 —							
January	56.8	48.2	55.5	10.5	15.0	11.9	32.9
February	58.4	46.4	56.6	11.0	15.6	12.4	33.7
March	56.9	44.3	54.9	10.5	18.1	12.9	33.1
April	56.1	47.6	54.8	10.7	17.3	12.8	33.0
May	55.5	47.2	54.3	11.3	18.2	13.5	33.1
June	55.9	47.6	54.6	11.7	18.3	13.9	33.4
July	55.3	47.3	54.0	10.6	17.6	12.9	32.7
August	54.7	46.8	53.5	11.3	17.5	13.2	32.6
September	55.3	46.0	53.9	11.6	19.1	14.0	33.2
October	54.7	45.0	53.3	11.2	15.9	12.7	32.2
November	54.7	43.0	52.8	11.3	14.4	12.3	31.8
December	55.5	47.5	54.3	10.2	14.5	11.6	32.1
65 YEARS AND OVER							
1979(b)	12.4	9.3	11.6	2.6	2.3	2.4	6.3
1979 —							
January	12.4	9.4	11.6	2.8	2.4	2.5	6.3
February	11.5	9.1	10.9	2.7	2.0	2.3	5.9
March	11.4	8.8	10.7	2.2	2.3	2.3	5.8
April	12.0	9.7	11.4	2.3	2.1	2.2	6.1
May	12.2	9.4	11.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	6.0
June	12.7	10.5	12.1	2.6	2.1	2.3	6.4
July	13.0	8.8	11.9	2.5	2.2	2.3	6.3
August	12.3	9.1	11.5	2.8	2.2	2.4	6.2
September	12.6	9.7	11.9	2.6	2.4	2.5	6.4
October	13.1	8.6	11.9	2.6	2.9	2.8	6.6
November	12.9	8.2	11.8	2.6	2.7	2.7	6.5
December	12.7	10.3	12.1	2.9	2.5	2.6	6.6

(a) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 14. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND BIRTHPLACE

	Employed		Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work				
- '000 -								
- per cent -								
MALES								
Born in Australia -								
1979(a)	2,711.3	2,869.4	142.2	11.0	153.2	3,022.6	5.1	79.1
1979 -								
January	2,685.4	2,826.3	169.2	12.6	181.8	3,008.2	6.0	79.5
February	2,705.7	2,853.6	163.4	9.0	172.4	3,026.1	5.7	78.7
March	2,715.0	2,871.9	147.0	11.6	158.6	3,030.6	5.2	79.5
April	2,707.5	2,869.2	146.1	10.0	156.1	3,025.3	5.2	79.4
May	2,700.7	2,867.7	145.3	10.2	155.4	3,023.1	5.1	79.1
June	2,710.4	2,870.4	137.2	8.1	145.3	3,015.7	4.8	78.8
July	2,713.1	2,864.5	136.4	9.3	145.7	3,010.2	4.8	78.8
August	2,701.7	2,861.3	130.1	9.3	139.4	3,000.7	4.6	78.5
September	2,719.3	2,883.6	131.1	12.7	143.8	3,027.4	4.8	79.0
October	2,708.4	2,867.7	129.4	13.3	142.7	3,010.3	4.7	78.5
November	2,711.3	2,875.1	124.6	9.0	133.6	3,008.6	4.4	78.1
December	2,756.9	2,921.7	146.4	17.4	163.8	3,085.5	5.3	80.1
Born outside Australia -								
1979(a)	1,005.1	1,047.4	55.4	*	59.4	1,106.8	5.4	80.7
1979 -								
January	1,002.0	1,042.9	66.0	*	68.2	1,111.1	6.1	81.0
February	1,004.8	1,039.9	66.0	*	69.4	1,109.3	6.3	81.3
March	990.8	1,032.3	59.6	4.9	64.5	1,096.8	5.9	80.6
April	999.3	1,038.1	56.1	5.1	61.1	1,099.3	5.6	80.5
May	998.1	1,040.6	52.4	*	55.2	1,095.7	5.0	80.6
June	997.2	1,039.2	55.6	5.1	60.7	1,099.9	5.5	80.8
July	1,002.5	1,046.3	51.8	*	55.9	1,102.2	5.1	80.3
August	999.5	1,043.3	52.7	*	56.7	1,100.0	5.2	80.3
September	1,014.3	1,055.7	53.6	*	57.8	1,113.5	5.2	80.9
October	1,018.3	1,063.2	48.7	4.6	53.3	1,116.5	4.8	80.4
November	1,009.0	1,056.1	46.9	*	50.2	1,106.3	4.5	80.3
December	1,025.5	1,070.6	55.7	4.6	60.3	1,130.9	5.3	81.4
MARRIED WOMEN								
Born in Australia -								
1979(a)	513.2	954.6	25.4	24.8	50.1	1,004.8	5.0	39.9
1979 -								
January	510.3	886.0	20.4	17.3	37.7	923.7	4.1	37.0
February	506.8	935.8	26.5	28.4	54.9	990.7	5.5	39.5
March	507.7	950.8	29.8	27.6	57.4	1,008.2	5.7	40.2
April	495.5	945.2	28.3	29.1	57.3	1,002.5	5.7	39.9
May	501.0	948.7	23.0	22.1	45.1	993.9	4.5	39.3
June	506.4	955.4	24.1	24.7	48.8	1,004.2	4.9	39.8
July	505.9	959.1	24.4	22.6	47.0	1,006.1	4.7	40.0
August	497.1	945.9	24.7	22.6	47.3	993.3	4.8	39.6
September	523.8	966.9	27.3	27.4	54.7	1,021.6	5.4	40.6
October	529.3	985.8	28.0	28.0	56.0	1,041.7	5.4	41.3
November	532.8	991.4	27.3	24.4	51.7	1,043.1	5.0	41.2
December	542.3	984.4	20.7	23.1	43.8	1,028.2	4.3	40.5
Born outside Australia -								
1979(a)	266.3	408.2	17.1	9.8	26.9	435.1	6.2	47.1
1979 -								
January	270.5	395.7	18.0	8.1	26.1	421.8	6.2	44.9
February	272.6	410.3	18.9	11.9	30.8	441.1	7.0	47.0
March	271.7	413.8	18.4	9.0	27.4	441.3	6.2	47.2
April	273.8	413.3	17.1	9.0	26.1	439.4	5.9	47.4
May	272.3	407.6	17.0	10.1	27.1	434.7	6.2	46.9
June	264.5	407.2	14.2	10.0	24.2	431.4	5.6	47.4
July	262.8	409.1	17.0	11.0	28.0	437.1	6.4	47.6
August	258.5	401.3	17.0	9.3	26.3	427.6	6.1	46.3
September	263.1	407.9	19.6	10.0	29.6	437.5	6.8	47.6
October	258.8	406.9	17.1	11.1	28.2	435.1	6.5	47.7
November	266.1	417.2	14.5	10.3	24.7	441.9	5.6	48.1
December	261.0	408.2	16.1	8.0	24.1	432.3	5.6	47.0

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 14. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND BIRTHPLACE — *continued*

	Employed		Unemployed		Total	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time	Total	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work				
- '000 -					- per cent -			
ALL FEMALES								
Born in Australia -								
1979(a)	1,041.2	1,617.1	103.7	38.9	142.7	1,759.8	8.1	43.5
1979 -								
January	1,049.2	1,541.8	114.9	28.7	143.6	1,685.4	8.5	42.3
February	1,034.6	1,583.1	112.7	43.6	156.3	1,739.4	9.0	43.5
March	1,037.0	1,610.4	111.2	41.6	152.9	1,763.3	8.7	44.0
April	1,016.0	1,601.3	108.1	42.9	151.0	1,752.3	8.6	43.6
May	1,017.4	1,597.7	101.9	34.9	136.8	1,734.6	7.9	43.0
June	1,030.7	1,606.9	99.6	39.6	139.2	1,746.2	8.0	43.0
July	1,030.1	1,611.8	95.4	36.4	131.8	1,743.6	7.6	43.1
August	1,018.9	1,603.4	94.2	35.8	130.0	1,733.4	7.5	42.8
September	1,053.0	1,639.2	100.0	43.4	143.4	1,782.7	8.0	43.9
October	1,051.5	1,654.0	97.9	44.4	142.3	1,796.3	7.9	44.1
November	1,060.9	1,669.9	94.1	36.5	130.6	1,800.5	7.3	44.1
December	1,094.7	1,685.6	114.7	39.1	153.9	1,839.5	8.4	44.9
Born outside Australia -								
1979(a)	373.6	541.2	36.1	13.3	49.3	590.5	8.3	46.8
1979 -								
January	380.5	528.9	41.1	11.5	52.6	581.5	9.0	45.3
February	380.2	542.2	39.5	16.3	55.8	598.1	9.3	46.8
March	378.9	546.9	35.7	13.3	49.0	595.9	8.2	46.9
April	382.1	547.7	36.2	12.3	48.5	596.2	8.1	47.1
May	375.3	537.3	35.6	13.5	49.1	586.4	8.4	46.2
June	371.6	541.1	31.1	12.9	44.0	585.1	7.5	47.0
July	371.3	544.9	35.9	13.3	49.2	594.1	8.3	47.0
August	364.1	533.6	35.9	11.7	47.6	581.2	8.2	46.0
September	367.8	539.6	38.3	13.1	51.4	591.1	8.7	47.1
October	367.5	540.4	35.6	14.0	49.5	589.9	8.4	47.1
November	372.5	549.5	31.0	15.2	46.2	595.8	7.8	47.4
December	371.3	542.0	36.9	12.0	48.9	590.9	8.3	47.1
PERSONS								
Born in Australia -								
1979(a)	3,752.5	4,486.5	245.9	50.0	295.9	4,782.4	6.2	60.8
1979 -								
January	3,734.6	4,368.1	284.1	41.3	325.4	4,693.5	6.9	60.4
February	3,740.3	4,436.8	276.1	52.6	328.7	4,765.5	6.9	61.2
March	3,752.0	4,482.4	258.3	53.2	311.5	4,793.9	6.5	61.3
April	3,723.5	4,470.5	254.1	52.9	307.1	4,777.6	6.4	61.0
May	3,718.1	4,465.5	247.1	45.1	292.2	4,757.7	6.1	60.6
June	3,741.1	4,477.3	236.8	47.7	284.6	4,761.9	6.0	60.4
July	3,743.2	4,476.3	231.8	45.7	277.4	4,753.8	5.8	60.4
August	3,720.6	4,464.6	224.3	45.2	269.4	4,734.1	5.7	60.1
September	3,772.3	4,522.8	231.1	56.2	287.2	4,810.1	6.0	60.9
October	3,759.9	4,521.7	227.3	57.7	285.0	4,806.6	5.9	60.7
November	3,772.2	4,545.0	218.6	45.5	264.2	4,809.1	5.5	60.6
December	3,851.7	4,607.3	261.1	56.6	317.7	4,925.0	6.5	62.0
Born outside Australia -								
1979(a)	1,378.7	1,588.5	91.5	17.3	108.8	1,697.3	6.4	64.4
1979 -								
January	1,382.5	1,571.8	107.0	13.7	120.8	1,692.6	7.1	63.8
February	1,385.0	1,582.2	105.6	19.6	125.2	1,707.4	7.3	64.6
March	1,369.7	1,579.2	95.3	18.2	113.5	1,692.7	6.7	64.4
April	1,381.3	1,585.8	92.2	17.4	109.7	1,695.5	6.5	64.4
May	1,373.4	1,577.9	88.0	16.3	104.3	1,682.2	6.2	64.0
June	1,368.8	1,580.3	86.7	18.0	104.7	1,685.0	6.2	64.7
July	1,373.8	1,591.3	87.7	17.4	105.1	1,696.3	6.2	64.3
August	1,363.6	1,576.9	88.7	15.7	104.3	1,681.2	6.2	63.9
September	1,382.1	1,595.3	91.9	17.3	109.2	1,704.6	6.4	64.8
October	1,385.8	1,603.6	84.3	18.5	102.8	1,706.4	6.0	64.6
November	1,381.5	1,605.6	77.9	18.6	96.5	1,702.1	5.7	64.6
December	1,396.8	1,612.6	92.6	16.6	109.2	1,721.8	6.3	65.1

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 15. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE : PERSONS BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL

	Males					Females					Persons				
	Arrived -					Arrived -					Arrived -				
	Before 1961	1961-1965	1966-1970	1971-1977	1978 to survey date	Before 1961	1961-1965	1966-1970	1971-1977	1978 to survey date	Before 1961	1961-1965	1966-1970	1971-1977	1978 to survey date
EMPLOYED ('000)															
1979(a)	449.2	160.6	214.6	189.0	33.9	190.1	94.4	121.1	116.9	18.8	639.3	255.0	335.7	305.9	52.7
1979 -															
January	447.0	164.7	217.2	189.6	24.4	182.1	98.9	115.2	117.6	15.1	629.1	263.6	332.4	307.2	39.5
February	450.9	159.2	220.0	185.4	24.4	193.3	99.6	116.7	118.6	14.0	644.2	258.8	336.7	304.0	38.4
March	450.1	156.7	216.4	182.4	26.6	196.6	95.8	123.0	117.0	14.6	646.7	252.5	339.4	299.5	41.2
April	446.8	156.6	214.6	190.2	29.9	194.1	98.2	118.9	119.6	16.9	640.9	254.8	333.4	309.9	46.9
May	450.3	159.9	212.6	189.8	27.9	188.6	93.9	121.3	115.0	18.5	639.0	253.8	333.9	304.8	46.4
June	447.4	155.4	210.9	192.5	33.0	191.9	96.6	120.0	114.7	17.9	639.3	251.9	330.9	307.2	51.0
July	454.1	154.5	213.9	188.6	35.3	192.1	92.9	121.6	117.8	20.5	646.2	247.4	335.6	306.3	55.8
August	447.8	160.2	212.0	185.8	37.5	186.9	92.0	119.9	114.2	20.6	634.6	252.3	331.8	300.0	58.1
September	449.4	162.9	215.1	188.1	40.2	190.5	91.7	121.1	115.8	20.5	639.9	254.6	336.2	303.9	60.7
October	450.8	166.9	215.2	190.8	39.4	186.9	91.2	125.2	116.6	20.5	637.8	258.1	340.4	307.4	59.9
November	445.9	164.6	212.5	191.6	41.5	188.8	90.0	127.0	120.7	23.1	634.6	254.6	339.5	312.3	64.6
December	450.2	165.8	215.1	193.0	46.6	189.4	91.7	123.2	115.0	22.8	639.5	257.4	338.3	308.0	69.4
UNEMPLOYED ('000)															
1979(a)	15.3	10.3	14.6	14.3	4.9	10.9	9.2	12.2	11.7	5.4	26.1	19.5	26.8	26.0	10.3
1979 -															
January	17.2	12.8	16.7	16.6	4.9	8.8	9.6	12.1	16.9	5.3	26.0	22.4	28.7	33.5	10.1
February	21.2	11.3	18.0	14.4	4.5	13.1	10.5	13.5	12.2	6.6	34.3	21.8	31.5	26.6	11.0
March	20.1	12.7	15.4	12.4	*	11.8	9.1	11.6	12.3	*	31.9	21.8	27.0	24.7	8.0
April	17.4	11.4	15.9	13.2	*	11.6	8.4	12.4	11.8	*	28.9	19.8	28.3	25.0	7.6
May	14.3	10.5	13.1	12.9	*	11.4	9.7	11.5	12.3	*	25.7	20.2	24.6	25.2	8.6
June	16.4	10.2	12.8	14.7	6.6	10.8	9.1	10.0	10.0	*	27.2	19.2	22.9	24.6	10.8
July	14.5	8.2	13.7	13.9	5.6	11.6	9.4	12.6	10.0	5.5	26.1	17.6	26.4	24.0	11.1
August	11.7	9.4	15.8	14.5	5.3	9.7	8.3	11.5	11.1	7.0	21.4	17.7	27.3	25.6	12.4
September	13.7	8.3	15.4	14.1	6.4	12.9	9.7	11.3	10.3	7.3	26.6	18.0	26.7	24.3	13.7
October	11.9	9.6	11.6	14.6	5.6	10.6	8.9	13.2	11.5	5.4	22.4	18.5	24.8	26.1	11.0
November	12.3	7.5	12.1	14.3	*	9.4	7.9	12.4	10.4	6.0	21.7	15.4	24.6	24.8	10.0
December	12.6	11.4	15.2	16.5	4.6	8.7	9.8	13.8	11.4	5.1	21.4	21.2	29.0	27.9	9.7

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 15. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE : PERSONS BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL – *continued*

	Males					Females					Persons				
	Arrived –					Arrived –					Arrived –				
	Before 1961	1961-1965	1966-1970	1971-1977	1978 to survey date	Before 1961	1961-1965	1966-1970	1971-1977	1978 to survey date	Before 1961	1961-1965	1966-1970	1971-1977	1978 to survey date
LABOUR FORCE ('000)															
1979 (a)	464.5	170.9	229.3	203.3	38.8	200.9	103.6	133.2	128.6	24.2	666.3	274.5	362.5	331.9	63.0
1979 –															
January	464.2	177.6	233.9	206.3	29.2	190.9	108.5	127.2	134.5	20.4	665.1	286.0	361.1	340.7	49.6
February	472.2	170.5	238.0	199.8	28.8	206.3	110.2	130.2	130.8	20.6	678.5	280.6	368.2	330.6	49.4
March	470.3	169.4	231.9	194.8	30.5	208.3	104.9	134.6	129.4	18.7	678.6	274.3	366.4	324.2	49.2
April	464.2	168.0	230.4	203.5	33.2	205.6	106.6	131.2	131.4	21.3	669.8	274.6	361.7	334.9	54.5
May	464.6	170.4	225.8	202.8	32.2	200.0	103.6	132.8	127.3	22.8	664.7	274.0	358.5	330.0	55.0
June	463.9	165.5	223.8	207.1	39.6	202.7	105.6	130.0	124.7	22.1	666.6	271.2	353.8	331.8	61.7
July	468.6	162.7	227.7	202.5	40.9	203.7	102.4	134.2	127.8	26.0	672.2	265.0	361.9	330.3	66.9
August	459.4	169.7	227.7	200.3	42.9	196.6	100.3	131.3	125.3	27.6	656.0	270.0	359.1	325.6	70.5
September	463.0	171.2	230.5	202.2	46.6	203.4	101.4	132.4	126.0	27.8	666.5	272.6	362.9	328.2	74.4
October	462.7	176.5	226.8	205.4	45.1	197.5	100.1	138.4	128.1	25.9	660.2	276.6	365.2	333.5	70.9
November	458.2	172.0	224.7	205.9	45.5	198.1	98.0	139.4	131.1	29.1	656.3	270.0	364.1	337.1	74.6
December	462.8	177.1	230.3	209.5	51.2	198.1	101.5	137.0	126.4	27.9	660.9	278.6	367.3	335.9	79.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (per cent)															
1979 (a)	3.3	6.0	6.4	7.0	12.6	5.4	8.9	9.2	9.1	22.3	3.9	7.1	7.4	7.8	16.3
1979 –															
January	3.7	7.2	7.1	8.1	16.6	4.6	8.8	9.5	12.6	25.8	3.9	7.8	8.0	9.8	20.4
February	4.5	6.6	7.6	7.2	15.4	6.3	9.6	10.4	9.3	31.9	5.1	7.8	8.6	8.0	22.3
March	4.3	7.5	6.7	6.4	*	5.6	8.7	8.6	9.5	*	4.7	8.0	7.4	7.6	16.3
April	3.7	6.8	6.9	6.5	*	5.6	7.9	9.4	9.0	*	4.3	7.2	7.8	7.5	14.0
May	3.1	6.2	5.8	6.4	*	5.7	9.3	8.7	9.6	*	3.9	7.4	6.9	7.6	15.6
June	3.5	6.1	5.7	7.1	16.7	5.3	8.6	7.7	8.0	*	4.1	7.1	6.5	7.4	17.5
July	3.1	5.0	6.0	6.9	13.6	5.7	9.2	9.4	7.9	21.1	3.9	6.7	7.3	7.3	16.5
August	2.5	5.5	6.9	7.3	12.5	5.0	8.2	8.7	8.9	25.4	3.3	6.6	7.6	7.9	17.5
September	2.9	4.8	6.7	7.0	13.7	6.3	9.6	8.5	8.1	26.3	4.0	6.6	7.3	7.4	18.4
October	2.6	5.4	5.1	7.1	12.5	5.4	8.9	9.5	8.9	20.7	3.4	6.7	6.8	7.8	15.5
November	2.7	4.3	5.4	7.0	*	4.7	8.1	8.9	8.0	20.8	3.3	5.7	6.8	7.3	13.4
December	2.7	6.4	6.6	7.9	9.0	4.4	9.7	10.1	9.0	18.2	3.2	7.6	7.9	8.3	12.2

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 15. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE : PERSONS BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL – *continued*

	<i>Males</i>					<i>Females</i>					<i>Persons</i>				
	<i>Arrived –</i>					<i>Arrived –</i>					<i>Arrived –</i>				
	<i>Before 1961</i>	<i>1961-1965</i>	<i>1966-1970</i>	<i>1971-1977</i>	<i>1978 to survey date</i>	<i>Before 1961</i>	<i>1961-1965</i>	<i>1966-1970</i>	<i>1971-1977</i>	<i>1978 to survey date</i>	<i>Before 1961</i>	<i>1961-1965</i>	<i>1966-1970</i>	<i>1971-1977</i>	<i>1978 to survey date</i>
PARTICIPATION RATE (per cent)															
1979 (a)	73.6	87.5	87.5	87.3	78.1	36.3	54.1	56.2	55.8	48.3	56.2	70.9	72.7	71.6	63.1
1979 –															
January	73.2	88.3	88.0	88.8	76.6	33.8	53.0	55.1	56.6	47.2	55.4	70.5	72.7	72.5	61.0
February	73.7	87.3	89.5	88.7	76.5	36.5	53.9	56.3	55.7	48.8	56.3	70.2	74.0	71.9	61.9
March	73.3	86.4	88.7	87.7	77.5	36.8	53.5	56.7	56.7	45.4	56.2	69.9	73.5	72.0	61.1
April	73.2	86.7	88.3	87.0	76.8	36.6	55.1	57.2	56.3	44.9	56.0	70.9	73.7	71.6	60.2
May	73.6	87.3	87.6	87.6	73.6	35.6	53.3	57.9	54.0	48.3	55.7	70.3	73.6	70.6	60.5
June	74.1	87.2	86.3	87.7	78.3	37.0	56.0	56.1	54.4	46.9	56.8	71.7	72.0	71.3	63.2
July	73.7	86.9	86.2	86.8	78.5	36.7	55.1	55.8	55.5	49.5	56.4	71.1	71.7	71.2	63.9
August	73.1	87.1	87.0	86.9	78.8	35.6	52.8	55.3	55.4	49.4	55.5	70.2	71.9	71.3	63.9
September	74.0	87.6	87.6	86.4	79.1	37.2	54.7	55.8	54.8	50.6	56.8	71.6	72.5	70.7	65.3
October	73.4	88.2	87.5	86.0	76.1	36.4	55.2	56.0	56.1	47.8	56.3	72.5	72.1	71.4	62.6
November	73.4	87.8	85.8	86.2	79.8	36.9	52.8	56.5	57.0	50.9	56.5	70.8	71.6	71.9	65.3
December	74.0	88.8	87.8	87.6	81.8	36.6	54.0	56.4	56.7	47.5	56.6	71.9	72.7	72.7	65.2

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 16. EMPLOYED PERSONS : FULL-TIME WORKERS BY AGE  
(000)

	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
1979 (a)	295.7	476.9	1,028.6	795.4	675.8	269.7	133.4	40.9	3,716.4
1979 -									
January	306.9	481.4	1,022.4	773.6	666.1	259.3	137.3	40.4	3,687.3
February	304.8	481.5	1,027.5	788.0	672.0	262.0	139.4	35.3	3,710.5
March	300.9	471.1	1,026.4	793.6	679.6	265.2	133.1	35.9	3,705.8
April	300.4	468.8	1,026.7	794.7	679.6	265.3	131.9	39.4	3,706.8
May	297.6	473.8	1,021.3	791.5	677.1	265.4	133.0	39.1	3,698.8
June	294.3	467.6	1,027.8	793.1	675.6	271.1	135.2	42.9	3,707.6
July	291.1	478.5	1,024.6	795.6	680.3	273.9	131.7	40.0	3,715.6
August	285.9	473.0	1,026.3	797.1	670.8	272.6	133.0	42.6	3,701.1
September	289.4	478.5	1,032.3	801.8	679.2	276.3	131.1	44.9	3,733.6
October	281.7	480.3	1,035.2	801.1	676.9	277.8	130.3	43.5	3,726.7
November	281.8	478.0	1,033.5	804.4	675.9	273.0	131.0	42.6	3,720.2
December	313.7	489.8	1,039.3	810.6	676.2	274.9	134.2	43.7	3,782.4
MARRIED WOMEN									
1979 (a)	10.7	125.2	229.3	208.6	154.8	36.8	11.0	*	779.5
1979 -									
January	10.6	123.3	231.1	202.4	162.1	37.2	10.5	*	780.9
February	11.2	130.6	224.9	205.1	153.3	39.1	11.5	*	779.4
March	11.2	127.9	223.1	212.4	152.9	37.8	11.4	*	779.4
April	12.5	122.3	221.7	211.7	152.0	34.6	11.6	*	769.3
May	12.5	123.0	223.8	213.2	151.5	35.3	10.7	*	773.3
June	11.3	126.6	226.3	207.0	150.0	35.1	11.3	*	770.9
July	11.8	124.4	225.4	205.8	150.7	36.5	11.6	*	768.6
August	9.5	125.3	223.4	202.6	145.3	35.3	10.7	*	755.6
September	8.9	128.0	233.4	208.5	159.0	34.3	11.3	*	786.9
October	8.4	123.1	242.6	206.6	156.7	37.2	10.5	*	788.0
November	10.0	122.9	240.8	213.2	161.0	37.9	10.0	*	798.9
December	10.8	125.1	235.2	215.0	162.6	40.7	10.3	*	803.3
ALL FEMALES									
1979 (a)	218.3	322.7	335.7	252.1	201.0	55.7	21.7	7.7	1,414.8
1979 -									
January	235.3	319.7	335.6	246.7	206.5	57.9	19.6	8.5	1,429.7
February	228.2	325.3	327.9	247.5	199.3	57.5	21.8	7.4	1,414.8
March	226.3	320.3	331.2	251.5	199.4	57.3	23.1	6.8	1,416.0
April	220.7	318.1	327.0	251.4	197.0	54.4	22.7	6.8	1,398.1
May	215.9	316.7	326.2	253.4	195.9	55.6	22.0	7.1	1,392.7
June	216.3	324.7	333.7	248.1	194.4	54.3	23.4	7.5	1,402.3
July	211.6	326.5	333.6	246.3	198.3	55.3	23.2	6.6	1,401.3
August	204.8	326.5	331.1	244.5	190.5	54.9	22.4	8.3	1,383.0
September	210.8	325.7	339.3	252.6	208.2	52.1	23.9	8.1	1,420.8
October	206.0	319.3	349.1	255.7	205.2	54.4	20.4	9.1	1,419.1
November	215.1	320.4	346.1	261.4	207.9	55.7	18.8	8.0	1,433.4
December	228.3	328.6	347.0	265.8	209.3	59.5	18.9	8.7	1,466.1
PERSONS									
1979 (a)	514.0	799.5	1,364.3	1,047.5	876.7	325.5	155.1	48.6	5,131.2
1979 -									
January	542.2	801.0	1,358.1	1,020.2	872.6	317.2	156.8	48.9	5,117.0
February	532.9	806.8	1,355.4	1,035.5	871.2	319.5	161.2	42.6	5,125.3
March	527.2	791.4	1,357.6	1,045.1	879.0	322.5	156.3	42.7	5,121.7
April	521.1	786.9	1,353.7	1,046.1	876.5	319.7	154.6	46.1	5,104.9
May	513.5	790.5	1,347.4	1,044.9	873.0	321.0	155.0	46.2	5,091.5
June	510.5	792.2	1,361.5	1,041.3	870.0	325.4	158.6	50.4	5,109.9
July	502.7	805.0	1,358.2	1,041.9	878.5	329.2	154.9	46.5	5,117.0
August	490.7	799.4	1,357.4	1,041.6	861.3	327.5	155.4	50.9	5,084.2
September	500.2	804.2	1,371.6	1,054.4	887.4	328.4	155.1	53.0	5,154.4
October	487.6	799.6	1,384.3	1,056.8	882.0	332.2	150.6	52.6	5,145.8
November	496.9	798.4	1,379.6	1,065.8	883.8	328.8	149.9	50.6	5,153.7
December	542.0	818.4	1,386.3	1,076.5	885.5	334.4	153.1	52.4	5,248.5

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 17. FULL-TIME WORKERS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS, BY REASON  
(000)

Reason for working less than 35 hours							
	Leave, holiday or flextime	Own illness or injury	Bad weather, plant breakdown, etc.	Began or left job in survey week	Stood down, on short-time, insufficient work	Other reasons	Total
MALES							
1978 (a)	470.3	138.7	22.8	11.4	30.7	36.9	710.8
1979 (b)	448.4	129.3	14.7	11.5	33.7	40.6	678.1
1978 -							
February (c)	1,175.7	105.9	27.0	14.2	31.8	30.3	1,384.8
March	303.7	127.2	7.7	16.6	29.5	38.0	522.7
April	242.0	137.0	21.3	10.6	28.7	48.9	488.5
May	434.3	138.5	11.8	10.2	28.2	27.1	650.2
June	1,116.8	132.9	33.9	10.3	24.9	26.3	1,345.1
July	200.7	173.1	39.9	11.0	35.4	34.7	494.9
August	203.0	159.9	20.5	11.6	35.7	44.5	475.2
September	344.6	156.4	36.6	10.9	38.5	51.2	638.1
October	538.1	133.5	7.7	10.1	28.8	33.3	751.4
November	404.3	132.2	31.3	9.3	23.6	36.7	637.4
December	210.3	128.8	12.6	11.0	32.6	34.8	430.0
1979 -							
January	1,033.7	95.1	10.0	11.8	33.3	21.3	1,205.3
February	288.8	121.5	24.9	14.6	31.9	34.3	515.9
March	489.4	117.8	15.9	11.9	29.3	31.5	695.8
April	929.8	115.1	8.8	10.6	40.4	41.5	1,146.3
May	323.2	134.5	23.6	12.5	33.3	35.1	562.2
June	317.3	147.6	10.2	11.3	38.3	52.9	577.6
July	222.9	156.8	8.2	9.7	44.2	85.9	527.8
August	214.1	154.0	10.5	12.0	32.7	46.5	469.7
September	363.8	137.2	25.7	9.5	30.9	36.3	603.3
October	554.6	119.3	19.7	10.2	27.3	33.8	764.8
November	433.9	126.2	13.4	12.0	25.8	32.4	643.6
December	209.6	126.0	5.0	12.0	37.5	35.1	425.1
MARRIED WOMEN							
1978 (a)	119.7	37.8	*	*	6.9	7.1	175.8
1979 (b)	113.3	35.2	*	*	6.6	8.0	165.8
1978 -							
February (c)	296.8	26.0	*	*	5.0	10.5	345.0
March	63.7	36.6	*	*	4.9	8.5	118.1
April	55.9	39.8	*	*	7.1	5.3	112.5
May	104.2	34.0	*	4.5	7.3	5.5	156.1
June	274.5	29.3	*	*	6.9	*	318.8
July	56.6	41.9	4.8	*	8.9	7.0	121.2
August	53.3	47.3	*	*	9.1	6.8	120.8
September	114.9	42.5	*	*	7.4	7.5	176.5
October	139.3	38.5	*	*	6.7	8.8	195.8
November	109.3	39.2	*	*	6.9	5.9	165.4
December	48.1	40.2	*	*	6.2	7.5	103.4
1979 -							
January	273.6	21.4	*	*	5.2	4.7	307.9
February	71.0	30.6	*	*	7.2	6.2	118.0
March	121.6	34.8	*	*	5.5	6.2	171.8
April	232.4	29.9	*	*	6.6	4.6	275.0
May	85.3	37.1	*	*	7.7	10.5	142.2
June	72.8	48.3	*	*	7.5	11.3	142.9
July	53.1	43.7	*	*	7.4	14.2	121.5
August	52.9	44.0	*	*	5.7	8.2	112.5
September	103.0	37.8	*	*	7.3	6.7	158.2
October	131.8	32.2	*	*	*	7.2	177.2
November	114.4	34.8	*	*	7.5	6.6	166.3
December	47.4	27.9	*	*	8.4	9.7	95.6

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates. (c) Estimates are not available for earlier periods.

TABLE 17. FULL-TIME WORKERS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS, BY REASON - *continued*  
(000)

Reason for working less than 35 hours							
	Leave, holiday or flextime	Own illness or injury	Bad weather, plant breakdown etc.	Began or left job in survey week	Stood down, on short-time, insufficient work	Other reasons	Total
ALL FEMALES							
1978 (a)	214.9	68.2	*	6.7	9.5	11.4	312.9
1979 (b)	200.9	62.9	*	5.4	9.7	13.2	292.9
1978 -							
February (c)	537.7	45.0	*	9.4	7.3	15.9	618.9
March	126.0	63.8	*	8.4	6.6	14.0	219.8
April	102.9	70.0	*	6.0	9.3	9.5	201.4
May	185.4	67.4	*	9.9	10.9	8.4	282.8
June	513.0	56.1	*	4.8	9.2	9.0	595.9
July	94.4	80.7	5.4	*	13.0	11.0	209.0
August	98.2	85.2	*	5.9	11.9	10.5	212.7
September	181.5	72.9	*	5.0	11.2	11.6	285.4
October	247.6	73.5	*	5.8	8.6	13.5	349.3
November	189.3	67.6	*	6.8	8.5	8.7	281.7
December	87.9	67.6	*	6.8	8.4	13.5	184.6
1979 -							
January	417.4	38.9	*	6.7	8.1	8.2	480.1
February	126.8	54.8	*	6.8	9.5	10.1	209.8
March	229.2	59.7	*	6.1	9.0	9.9	315.0
April	433.6	55.0	*	*	10.4	8.3	511.7
May	152.7	69.9	*	5.8	9.5	15.0	253.7
June	133.3	83.0	*	5.0	11.7	19.5	253.0
July	97.0	78.4	*	7.4	11.9	24.5	219.8
August	96.7	78.4	*	*	8.5	14.0	202.0
September	174.3	63.0	*	4.9	10.0	10.7	263.7
October	246.1	57.7	*	*	5.4	11.4	326.0
November	211.5	61.1	*	4.8	11.3	11.7	300.9
December	91.9	55.0	*	5.9	11.5	14.5	179.6
PERSONS							
1978 (a)	685.2	206.8	24.9	18.1	40.2	48.3	1,023.6
1979 (b)	649.3	192.2	15.5	16.9	43.5	53.7	971.1
1978 -							
February (c)	1,713.4	150.9	30.5	23.6	39.1	46.2	2,003.7
March	429.7	191.0	8.8	25.0	36.1	52.0	742.5
April	344.8	207.0	25.0	16.6	37.9	58.5	689.9
May	619.7	205.9	12.5	20.1	39.2	35.5	932.9
June	1,629.8	189.0	37.7	15.1	34.1	35.3	1,941.0
July	295.2	253.8	45.3	15.4	48.4	45.7	703.9
August	301.2	245.1	21.5	17.4	47.7	55.0	687.9
September	526.2	229.3	39.8	15.9	49.7	62.8	923.5
October	785.6	207.0	8.0	15.9	37.4	46.8	1,100.7
November	593.6	199.8	32.1	16.1	32.1	45.4	919.1
December	298.1	196.3	13.0	17.8	41.0	48.3	614.6
1979 -							
January	1,451.1	134.0	10.9	18.5	41.4	29.5	1,685.4
February	415.6	176.3	26.7	21.5	41.4	44.4	725.8
March	718.6	177.5	17.0	18.1	38.3	41.4	1,010.8
April	1,363.5	170.1	10.0	13.8	50.8	49.8	1,658.0
May	475.9	204.4	24.3	18.3	42.8	50.1	815.8
June	450.5	230.6	10.7	16.3	50.0	72.4	830.6
July	319.9	235.2	8.8	17.1	56.2	110.4	747.6
August	310.8	232.4	10.5	16.2	41.2	60.5	671.7
September	538.1	200.1	26.6	14.3	40.9	47.0	867.0
October	800.7	177.1	21.1	14.1	32.7	45.2	1,090.8
November	645.4	187.2	13.9	16.8	37.2	44.1	944.6
December	301.4	181.0	5.7	17.9	49.0	49.6	604.7

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates. (c) Estimates are not available for earlier periods.

TABLE 18. EMPLOYED PERSONS : PART-TIME WORKERS BY AGE

	Age group (years)								
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	Total
MALES									
1979 (a)	57.0	25.4	30.9	17.8	19.9	12.0	13.2	24.2	200.4
1979 -									
January	49.5	21.2	27.2	18.0	17.4	12.7	12.2	23.7	181.9
February	50.6	24.0	28.3	14.5	19.4	10.0	12.4	23.9	183.0
March	60.1	23.2	31.3	15.9	19.5	10.3	13.6	24.6	198.5
April	60.1	23.6	31.8	15.4	18.9	12.0	14.0	24.9	200.6
May	59.3	25.8	35.2	18.4	19.9	13.7	12.3	24.9	209.5
June	53.0	27.0	31.0	18.8	23.4	12.7	12.0	24.1	202.0
July	51.5	23.1	30.2	19.0	19.2	11.6	13.5	27.1	195.2
August	57.0	28.4	32.4	18.1	22.3	10.7	12.5	22.0	203.4
September	57.7	26.6	33.1	18.4	20.5	12.7	14.4	22.2	205.7
October	57.3	26.4	30.7	19.7	21.5	11.4	13.5	23.9	204.2
November	61.8	27.1	32.0	19.6	19.6	12.9	13.6	24.4	210.9
December	66.5	28.3	27.5	18.0	17.5	12.9	13.9	25.2	209.8
MARRIED WOMEN									
1979 (a)	*	31.3	190.0	190.1	120.3	33.7	11.3	*	583.3
1979 -									
January	*	28.3	166.7	154.2	100.4	32.0	11.2	*	500.8
February	*	29.6	187.3	178.0	117.8	36.8	11.3	*	566.7
March	*	31.6	196.1	188.3	117.0	35.9	9.8	*	585.3
April	*	31.4	200.3	190.6	115.3	35.9	9.9	*	589.2
May	*	31.1	195.7	190.3	115.6	34.0	12.2	*	583.0
June	*	30.9	193.5	191.4	123.8	33.8	12.0	4.5	591.7
July	*	33.2	193.2	197.3	124.6	33.9	10.1	5.0	599.6
August	*	29.8	188.2	198.8	127.0	29.7	11.9	4.6	591.7
September	*	30.7	185.5	197.2	122.6	33.5	11.9	*	587.9
October	*	30.8	191.1	201.9	127.9	32.9	12.2	4.8	604.7
November	*	34.0	193.0	200.6	128.2	34.6	12.6	4.6	609.6
December	*	34.1	189.5	193.0	123.4	31.1	10.9	4.6	589.3
ALL FEMALES									
1979 (a)	74.0	57.0	206.5	202.7	135.0	40.9	16.5	11.0	743.5
1979 -									
January	68.3	49.5	180.9	163.8	112.5	38.8	16.2	11.1	641.0
February	70.2	50.1	200.3	189.9	131.1	43.8	14.9	10.3	710.6
March	70.2	55.9	210.5	202.1	133.2	43.1	15.4	11.0	741.4
April	74.4	56.0	216.6	204.6	130.5	42.9	15.3	10.5	750.9
May	75.1	57.0	210.2	203.1	130.6	39.9	17.9	8.4	742.3
June	68.3	54.7	209.7	204.4	139.8	41.5	17.3	10.0	745.7
July	74.1	55.6	209.2	210.4	138.6	41.1	15.0	11.4	755.4
August	70.1	57.3	206.9	212.4	143.1	36.5	17.1	10.6	753.9
September	75.7	59.8	202.9	211.4	138.2	40.8	18.0	11.2	758.0
October	75.1	60.9	211.1	214.0	143.1	40.3	18.0	12.8	775.3
November	81.4	63.0	212.9	211.9	142.7	43.4	17.5	13.2	786.0
December	84.7	63.6	206.6	204.3	136.8	38.4	15.5	11.9	761.6
PERSONS									
1979 (a)	131.0	82.4	237.4	220.5	154.9	52.8	29.6	35.3	943.9
1979 -									
January	117.8	70.7	208.1	181.8	129.9	51.5	28.4	34.8	822.9
February	120.7	74.2	228.6	204.4	150.5	53.8	27.3	34.2	893.6
March	130.3	79.1	241.8	218.0	152.7	53.4	28.9	35.6	939.9
April	134.5	79.6	248.4	219.9	149.4	54.9	29.3	35.4	951.5
May	134.4	82.8	245.4	221.5	150.5	53.6	30.2	33.3	951.8
June	121.4	81.7	240.7	223.2	163.2	54.2	29.3	34.0	947.7
July	125.6	78.7	239.4	229.4	157.8	52.7	28.4	38.5	950.6
August	127.0	85.8	239.3	230.5	165.4	47.2	29.6	32.6	957.3
September	133.4	86.4	236.0	229.8	158.7	53.6	32.5	33.4	963.8
October	132.4	87.3	241.8	233.7	164.6	51.6	31.4	36.7	979.5
November	143.2	90.1	245.0	231.5	162.2	56.3	31.0	37.5	996.9
December	151.2	91.9	234.1	222.3	154.3	51.3	29.3	37.1	971.5

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 19. PART-TIME WORKERS : WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK MORE HOURS AND WHETHER  
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK, BY AGE,  
(000)

	Preferred to work more hours					Preferred not to work more hours		
	Had actively looked for full-time work							
	Age group (years)							
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	Total	Total		Total
MALES								
1978 (a)	6.5	*	*	4.6	18.9	39.2	159.5	198.7
1979 (b)	7.0	*	4.5	*	20.3	42.4	158.0	200.4
1978 -								
February (c)	9.0	6.1		*	18.0	38.9	148.9	187.8
March	7.9	5.5		5.2	18.5	37.4	156.5	193.9
April	4.9	7.3		6.6	18.7	35.7	158.2	193.9
May	4.8	*	5.0	4.6	17.3	34.9	160.5	195.4
June	5.3	8.2		4.6	18.0	38.8	166.0	204.8
July	5.5	7.3		*	16.8	39.1	160.6	199.7
August	4.7	7.7		*	16.7	37.0	169.3	206.3
September	7.0		4.7	*	15.5	34.0	163.3	197.3
October	5.9	8.2		*	18.2	40.7	163.1	203.8
November	5.8	5.2	4.7	6.4	22.1	42.4	157.2	199.6
December	14.1	5.4	5.1	*	28.3	52.2	151.1	203.3
1979 -								
January	6.4	7.6		*	17.9	40.0	141.9	181.9
February	7.5	4.8	6.2	*	22.2	41.2	141.9	183.0
March	5.8	9.7		*	19.0	41.2	157.3	198.5
April	5.8	4.8	5.4	*	19.3	41.8	158.8	200.6
May	6.1	6.7		*	17.0	40.1	169.4	209.5
June	5.3	*	4.6	5.4	19.2	41.8	160.2	202.0
July	5.0	8.5		*	17.5	35.7	159.5	195.2
August	6.8	9.3		*	19.8	42.0	161.4	203.4
September	6.4	8.0		*	18.1	40.1	165.6	205.7
October	5.9	8.2		5.4	19.6	42.9	161.3	204.2
November	8.6	9.2		6.5	24.3	47.6	163.4	210.9
December	14.9	6.0	*	5.1	29.9	54.0	155.8	209.8
MARRIED WOMEN								
1978 (a)	*	*	*	*	9.9	57.9	518.9	576.8
1979 (b)	*	*	*	*	9.8	54.2	529.1	583.3
1978 -								
February (c)	*	5.3		*	9.6	59.6	487.1	546.7
March	*	5.7		*	10.4	58.3	515.3	573.7
April	*	6.8		*	11.1	61.3	515.4	576.7
May	*	6.0		*	10.9	63.3	506.0	569.2
June	*	5.3		*	9.5	64.8	512.4	577.2
July	*	6.5		*	10.8	59.7	524.9	584.6
August	*	5.1		*	9.0	56.7	532.8	589.5
September	*	5.6		*	8.5	55.1	516.6	571.7
October	*	4.6		*	9.0	54.9	527.4	582.3
November	*	6.6		*	10.8	55.4	532.9	588.3
December	*	5.7		*	9.8	47.9	536.8	584.6
1979 -								
January	*	7.7			8.0	43.7	457.1	500.8
February	*	5.9		*	9.2	52.1	514.6	566.7
March	*	7.3		4.6	12.1	51.0	534.2	585.3
April	*	7.1		*	11.6	55.5	533.7	589.2
May	*	5.0		*	9.3	57.1	525.9	583.0
June	*	5.5		*	9.1	49.2	542.5	591.7
July	*	5.4		4.7	10.1	53.4	546.2	599.6
August	*	8.1			8.2	54.4	537.3	591.7
September	*	4.5		*	9.0	57.8	530.1	587.9
October	*	5.1		4.6	9.9	57.6	547.1	604.7
November	*	5.8		*	9.7	60.9	548.7	609.6
December	*	5.5		5.0	11.2	57.6	531.7	589.3

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates. (c) Estimates are not available for earlier periods.

TABLE 19. PART-TIME WORKERS : WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK MORE HOURS AND WHETHER  
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK, BY AGE — *continued*  
(000)

	Preferred to work more hours					Preferred not to work more hours		
	Had actively looked for full-time work							
	Age group (years)							
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 and over	Total	Total		Total
ALL FEMALES								
1978 (a)	7.2	4.9	5.3	5.2	22.6	87.5	640.2	727.7
1979 (b)	9.7	4.9	5.1	5.2	24.9	89.4	654.1	743.5
1978 —								
February (c)	7.9	4.8	8.5	5.1	21.2	86.5	604.2	690.8
March	7.2	5.5	5.0	4.8	22.9	85.2	634.8	720.1
April	7.0	*	5.2	5.2	21.3	89.1	635.5	724.6
May	5.8	*	5.7	5.2	20.2	91.8	627.6	719.4
June	6.6	*	5.2	5.3	21.1	93.5	633.2	726.8
July	6.2	5.3	6.7	6.5	24.7	88.1	648.8	736.9
August	5.8	*	6.2	4.9	20.1	85.9	659.3	745.2
September	5.8	4.5	6.0	*	20.6	84.8	635.8	720.6
October	5.8	4.9	*	5.9	20.0	81.0	655.1	736.1
November	9.5	7.2	5.3	5.5	27.5	90.2	657.0	747.2
December	11.1	7.0	5.7	5.1	28.9	86.0	651.2	737.2
1979 —								
January	11.4	8.5	4.5	5.1	24.3	78.3	562.6	641.0
February	12.3	5.4	5.4	4.5	27.6	88.1	622.4	710.6
March	9.7	5.7	7.2	5.7	28.4	86.6	654.8	741.4
April	7.9	5.5	6.2	5.0	24.6	87.1	663.8	750.9
May	9.3	4.7	*	5.5	23.2	91.6	650.8	742.3
June	6.0	*	5.8	5.3	20.5	80.7	665.0	745.7
July	8.2	*	4.9	5.5	22.1	84.1	671.4	755.4
August	6.9	6.6	5.2	5.2	18.6	83.6	670.3	753.9
September	9.5	8.7	4.9	4.9	23.1	91.3	666.7	758.0
October	7.9	5.0	5.2	5.8	23.9	91.6	683.7	775.3
November	10.2	6.5	5.0	5.4	27.1	102.4	683.6	786.0
December	17.2	7.3	5.3	5.6	35.5	107.7	654.0	761.6
PERSONS								
1978 (a)	13.6	8.6	9.5	9.8	41.5	126.6	799.7	926.4
1979 (b)	16.8	9.3	9.5	9.6	45.2	131.8	812.1	943.9
1978 —								
February (c)	16.9	8.1	6.9	7.3	39.3	125.4	753.1	878.5
March	15.1	8.8	7.2	10.3	41.4	122.6	791.4	914.0
April	11.9	7.4	9.4	11.4	40.0	124.8	793.7	918.5
May	10.6	6.4	10.7	9.9	37.5	126.7	788.1	914.8
June	11.8	7.8	9.6	9.9	39.1	132.4	799.2	931.6
July	11.7	8.4	10.8	10.5	41.5	127.1	809.4	936.5
August	10.5	6.4	10.8	9.1	36.8	122.8	828.6	951.5
September	9.4	7.9	10.7	8.0	36.1	118.7	799.1	917.8
October	11.7	8.6	7.7	10.1	38.2	121.7	818.2	939.9
November	15.3	12.4	10.0	12.0	49.7	132.6	814.2	946.8
December	25.2	12.4	10.7	8.8	57.2	138.2	802.2	940.5
1979 —								
January	17.8	8.2	7.9	8.4	42.3	118.3	704.5	822.9
February	19.9	10.2	11.6	8.1	49.7	129.3	764.3	893.6
March	15.5	9.7	12.9	9.3	47.4	127.8	812.1	939.9
April	13.7	10.3	11.5	8.3	43.9	128.8	822.7	951.5
May	15.4	7.8	7.2	9.7	40.2	131.6	820.2	951.8
June	11.4	7.3	10.4	10.7	39.7	122.6	825.1	947.7
July	13.2	7.6	9.3	9.5	39.6	119.8	830.8	950.6
August	13.6	8.2	7.6	8.9	38.4	125.6	831.7	957.3
September	15.9	7.5	9.2	8.6	41.2	131.4	832.3	963.8
October	13.8	9.5	8.9	11.3	43.5	134.5	845.0	979.5
November	18.8	12.0	8.7	11.9	51.4	149.9	847.0	996.9
December	32.1	13.4	9.2	10.7	65.4	161.7	809.8	971.5

(a) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 20. EMPLOYED PERSONS : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS (a), BY FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS ('000)

	<i>Full-time workers</i>			<i>Part-time workers</i>			<i>Total</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
<b>EMPLOYERS</b>									
1979 (b)	239.4	50.3	289.7	7.7	44.7	52.4	247.0	95.0	342.0
1979 –									
February	238.6	47.9	286.5	6.0	42.3	48.4	244.6	90.2	334.8
May	236.5	49.6	286.2	8.6	43.9	52.4	245.1	93.5	338.6
August	235.2	48.2	283.4	8.5	46.3	54.8	243.6	94.5	338.2
November	247.1	55.4	302.5	7.5	46.3	53.8	254.6	101.6	356.2
<b>SELF-EMPLOYED</b>									
1979 (b)	398.2	69.7	467.9	41.4	95.9	137.2	439.6	165.5	605.1
1979 –									
February	396.4	72.1	468.5	40.5	93.7	134.1	436.9	165.7	602.6
May	403.2	69.7	472.9	45.5	92.4	137.9	448.7	162.1	610.8
August	409.7	68.1	477.8	39.2	99.7	138.9	449.0	167.8	616.8
November	383.6	68.7	452.3	40.2	97.7	137.9	423.8	166.4	590.2
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS</b>									
1979 (b)	3,064.1	1,279.1	4,343.1	149.3	600.3	749.5	3,213.4	1,879.3	5,092.6
1979 –									
February	3,069.4	1,286.1	4,355.5	132.9	567.9	700.8	3,202.3	1,854.0	5,056.3
May	3,053.8	1,268.1	4,321.9	151.3	598.3	749.6	3,205.1	1,866.4	5,071.5
August	3,050.1	1,259.7	4,309.8	152.0	600.4	752.4	3,202.1	1,860.1	5,062.2
November	3,083.1	1,302.3	4,385.3	160.8	634.5	795.3	3,243.9	1,936.8	5,180.7
<b>UNPAID FAMILY HELPERS (c)</b>									
1979 (b)	6.0	7.0	13.0	*	7.4	10.9	9.5	14.4	23.9
1979 –									
February	6.0	8.8	14.8	*	6.7	10.3	9.7	15.5	25.2
May	5.3	5.3	10.6	*	7.8	11.9	9.4	13.1	22.5
August	6.2	7.0	13.1	*	7.5	11.3	9.9	14.5	24.4
November	6.5	7.0	13.5	*	7.5	9.9	8.9	14.6	23.4
<b>TOTAL</b>									
1979 (b)	3,707.7	1,406.0	5,113.7	201.7	748.2	949.9	3,909.4	2,154.2	6,063.6
1979 –									
February	3,710.5	1,414.8	5,125.3	183.0	710.6	893.6	3,893.6	2,125.4	6,018.9
May	3,698.8	1,392.7	5,091.5	209.5	742.3	951.8	3,908.3	2,135.0	6,043.3
August	3,701.1	1,383.0	5,084.2	203.4	753.9	957.3	3,904.5	2,136.9	6,041.5
November	3,720.2	1,433.4	5,153.7	210.9	786.0	996.9	3,931.2	2,219.4	6,150.6

(a) See paragraphs 22 and 23. (b) Average of February, May, August and November. (c) Unpaid family helpers who worked 15 hours or more during survey week in a family business or farm.

TABLE 21. EMPLOYED PERSONS : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS (a), BY AGE  
(000)

	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES – EMPLOYERS AND SELF-EMPLOYED									
1979 (b)	9.1	40.2	183.7	182.4	152.1	54.2	34.3	30.6	686.6
1979 –									
February	8.2	38.8	183.2	179.7	148.5	55.4	37.9	29.8	681.5
May	10.7	43.3	185.7	186.9	150.5	53.3	34.7	28.7	693.8
August	7.6	41.0	184.1	182.9	158.4	54.6	33.1	30.9	692.6
November	9.9	37.8	181.9	180.2	151.0	53.3	31.4	32.8	678.4
MALES – WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS									
1979 (b)	336.5	461.2	874.8	629.9	541.6	225.5	111.8	32.2	3,213.4
1979 –									
February	341.9	464.4	872.4	622.4	542.3	216.2	113.7	28.9	3,202.3
May	341.7	455.4	870.3	622.3	545.9	225.3	109.6	34.5	3,205.1
August	332.0	458.6	873.8	631.5	533.9	228.3	111.7	32.2	3,202.1
November	330.5	466.2	882.7	643.2	544.1	232.0	112.2	33.1	3,243.9
FEMALES – EMPLOYERS AND SELF-EMPLOYED									
1979 (b)	*	14.1	79.8	81.1	50.8	18.0	7.1	6.6	260.5
1979 –									
February	*	13.8	77.5	77.8	54.5	19.0	5.6	5.2	255.9
May	*	14.5	83.7	80.7	43.9	17.2	6.7	5.8	255.6
August	*	12.8	82.2	82.1	49.7	17.5	7.4	7.5	262.4
November	*	15.4	75.9	83.7	55.0	18.3	8.7	7.8	268.1
FEMALES – WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS									
1979 (b)	285.5	363.7	457.4	371.5	281.9	77.8	30.1	11.3	1,879.3
1979 –									
February	293.1	360.0	447.7	356.3	274.1	81.4	29.8	11.7	1,854.0
May	286.0	358.3	449.6	373.0	279.9	77.7	32.4	9.5	1,866.4
August	270.6	370.3	453.8	370.1	280.5	72.6	31.3	10.9	1,860.1
November	292.4	366.3	478.4	386.6	293.2	79.5	26.9	13.1	1,936.8
PERSONS – EMPLOYERS AND SELF-EMPLOYED									
1979 (b)	12.1	54.3	263.6	263.5	202.9	72.2	41.4	37.2	947.1
1979 –									
February	10.7	52.6	260.7	257.5	203.0	74.4	43.4	35.1	937.4
May	13.8	57.7	269.4	267.6	194.4	70.5	41.5	34.5	949.4
August	10.8	53.8	266.3	265.0	208.0	72.1	40.5	38.4	954.9
November	13.2	53.1	257.8	263.9	206.0	71.7	40.2	40.6	946.5
PERSONS – WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS									
1979 (b)	622.1	824.9	1,332.2	1,001.4	823.5	303.3	141.9	43.5	5,092.6
1979 –									
February	634.9	824.3	1,320.2	978.7	816.4	297.6	143.5	40.7	5,056.3
May	627.7	813.7	1,319.9	995.4	825.9	303.0	142.0	44.0	5,071.5
August	602.6	828.9	1,327.6	1,001.6	814.4	301.0	143.0	43.1	5,062.2
November	623.0	832.5	1,361.1	1,029.8	837.3	311.5	139.0	46.3	5,180.7

(a) See paragraphs 22 and 23. Excludes unpaid family helpers. (b) Average of February, May, August and November.

TABLE 22. EMPLOYED PERSONS : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS (a) AND MARITAL STATUS  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

	<i>Married men</i>	<i>All males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Part-time workers</i>
EMPLOYERS AND SELF-EMPLOYED							
1979 (b)	575.9	686.6	231.9	260.5	947.1	757.5	189.6
1979 –							
February	570.1	681.5	228.9	255.9	937.4	755.0	182.5
May	574.6	693.8	226.9	255.6	949.4	759.1	190.3
August	585.7	692.6	233.3	262.4	954.9	761.2	193.7
November	573.2	678.4	238.4	268.1	946.5	754.8	191.7
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS							
1979 (b)	2,176.6	3,213.4	1,121.6	1,879.3	5,092.6	4,343.1	749.5
1979 –							
February	2,163.7	3,202.3	1,107.0	1,854.0	5,056.3	4,355.5	700.8
May	2,169.6	3,205.1	1,119.8	1,866.4	5,071.5	4,321.9	749.6
August	2,172.3	3,202.1	1,102.0	1,860.1	5,062.2	4,309.8	752.4
November	2,200.6	3,243.9	1,157.5	1,936.8	5,180.7	4,385.3	795.3

(a) See paragraphs 22 and 23. Excludes unpaid family helpers. (b) Average of February, May, August and November.

TABLE 23. EMPLOYED PERSONS IN AGRICULTURE AND SERVICES TO AGRICULTURE, BY OCCUPATIONAL STATUS (a)  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

<i>Month</i>	<i>Employers and self-employed</i>			<i>Wage and salary earners</i>			<i>Total (a)</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
1979 (b)	180.4	55.8	236.2	102.8	19.6	122.4	288.9	81.8	370.7
1979 –									
February	180.5	58.0	238.5	94.6	20.7	115.3	281.1	85.6	366.7
May	175.7	52.2	227.9	101.9	21.5	123.4	283.1	78.8	361.8
August	183.8	56.4	240.2	106.5	17.3	123.7	295.4	80.3	375.7
November	181.5	56.7	238.3	108.0	19.0	127.0	295.9	82.6	378.5

(a) See paragraphs 22 and 23. Includes unpaid family helpers who worked 15 hours or more during survey week. (b) Average of February, May, August and November.

TABLE 24. EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY HOURS WORKED AND OCCUPATIONAL STATUS, (a)

	Average weekly hours worked			Aggregate weekly hours worked (million)		
	Wage and salary earners	Other (b)	Total	Wage and salary earners	Other (b)	Total
MALES						
1979 (c)	38.3	48.4	40.1	123.1	33.7	156.8
1979 –						
February	38.2	48.4	40.0	122.4	33.5	155.9
May	38.2	47.5	39.9	122.3	33.4	155.8
August	38.8	48.0	40.4	124.2	33.7	157.9
November	38.1	49.6	40.1	123.5	34.1	157.6
MARRIED WOMEN						
1979 (c)	28.6	29.2	28.7	32.1	7.1	39.2
1979 –						
February	28.8	29.3	28.9	31.9	7.0	38.9
May	28.2	29.1	28.4	31.6	6.9	38.5
August	28.8	28.4	28.8	31.8	7.0	38.8
November	28.5	29.6	28.7	33.0	7.4	40.5
ALL FEMALES						
1979 (c)	30.1	29.5	30.0	56.5	8.1	64.7
1979 –						
February	30.5	30.0	30.4	56.5	8.1	64.6
May	29.7	29.5	29.7	55.4	7.9	63.4
August	30.4	29.0	30.2	56.5	8.0	64.6
November	29.8	30.1	29.8	57.6	8.5	66.2
PERSONS						
1979 (c)	35.3	43.1	36.5	179.6	41.8	221.5
1979 –						
February	35.4	43.2	36.6	178.9	41.6	220.5
May	35.1	42.5	36.3	177.8	41.3	219.1
August	35.7	42.6	36.8	180.7	41.7	222.5
November	35.0	43.9	36.4	181.1	42.6	223.7

(a) See paragraphs 22 and 23. (b) Comprises employers, self-employed, and unpaid family helpers who worked 15 hours or more during survey week in a family business or farm. (c) Average of February, May, August and November.

TABLE 25. EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY HOURS WORKED, BY FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS

	Average weekly hours worked			Aggregate weekly hours worked (million)		
	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Total	Full-time workers	Part-time workers	Total
MALES						
1979(a)	40.4	16.0	39.2	150.3	3.2	153.5
1979 -						
January	33.4	14.2	32.5	123.2	2.6	125.8
February	41.2	15.8	40.0	153.0	2.9	155.9
March	40.9	16.1	39.7	151.7	3.2	154.9
April	38.9	15.7	37.8	144.4	3.2	147.5
May	41.2	15.9	39.9	152.4	3.3	155.8
June	41.2	16.6	40.0	152.9	3.4	156.2
July	41.3	16.0	40.1	153.6	3.1	156.8
August	41.8	16.2	40.4	154.6	3.3	157.9
September	40.0	15.8	38.7	149.3	3.2	152.6
October	40.8	16.1	39.5	151.9	3.3	155.2
November	41.4	16.0	40.1	154.2	3.4	157.6
December	42.9	16.7	41.6	162.4	3.5	165.9
MARRIED WOMEN						
1979(a)	37.3	15.4	28.0	29.1	9.0	38.1
1979 -						
January	28.6	11.6	22.0	22.3	5.8	28.2
February	38.4	15.9	28.9	29.9	9.0	38.9
March	38.0	15.9	28.5	29.6	9.3	38.9
April	36.5	15.4	27.4	28.1	9.1	37.2
May	38.0	15.7	28.4	29.4	9.1	38.5
June	38.1	15.8	28.4	29.3	9.4	38.7
July	38.6	15.9	28.6	29.6	9.5	39.2
August	38.8	16.0	28.8	29.3	9.5	38.8
September	36.7	14.2	27.1	28.9	8.3	37.2
October	38.3	15.8	28.5	30.2	9.6	39.8
November	38.5	15.9	28.7	30.8	9.7	40.5
December	39.9	16.3	29.9	32.1	9.6	41.7
ALL FEMALES						
1979(a)	36.9	15.1	29.4	52.2	11.2	63.4
1979 -						
January	30.1	11.8	24.4	43.0	7.6	50.6
February	37.9	15.6	30.4	53.6	11.1	64.6
March	37.2	15.4	29.7	52.7	11.4	64.1
April	35.9	14.9	28.6	50.2	11.2	61.4
May	37.4	15.2	29.7	52.1	11.3	63.4
June	37.5	15.4	29.8	52.6	11.5	64.1
July	38.0	15.6	30.1	53.2	11.8	65.0
August	38.2	15.6	30.2	52.8	11.7	64.6
September	36.4	13.9	28.6	51.7	10.6	62.2
October	37.6	15.3	29.7	53.4	11.8	65.2
November	37.8	15.3	29.8	54.2	12.0	66.2
December	39.1	15.8	31.2	57.4	12.0	69.4
PERSONS						
1979(a)	39.5	15.3	35.7	202.5	14.4	216.9
1979 -						
January	32.5	12.4	29.7	166.2	10.2	176.4
February	40.3	15.6	36.6	206.5	14.0	220.5
March	39.9	15.6	36.1	204.4	14.6	219.0
April	38.1	15.1	34.5	194.6	14.4	208.9
May	40.2	15.4	36.3	204.5	14.6	219.1
June	40.2	15.6	36.4	205.5	14.8	220.3
July	40.4	15.7	36.5	206.8	14.9	221.7
August	40.8	15.7	36.8	207.4	15.0	222.5
September	39.0	14.3	35.1	201.0	13.8	214.8
October	39.9	15.4	36.0	205.3	15.1	220.4
November	40.4	15.4	36.4	208.3	15.4	223.7
December	41.9	16.0	37.8	219.8	15.5	235.3

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 26. EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY (a), 1979  
(<sup>000</sup>)

Industry division	Full-time workers					Total				
	February	May	August	November	1979(b)	February	May	August	November	1979(b)
MALES										
Agriculture and services to agriculture	262.8	263.3	280.3	279.9	271.6	281.1	283.1	295.4	295.9	288.9
Forestry, fishing and hunting	25.1	24.8	19.9	20.2	22.5	26.8	26.9	21.6	21.9	24.3
Mining	77.6	79.4	76.7	75.6	77.3	78.5	80.0	77.5	76.5	78.1
Manufacturing	881.2	894.2	894.6	879.8	887.5	897.0	913.3	913.8	899.9	906.0
Construction	419.5	419.7	406.0	426.6	418.0	432.4	439.3	421.5	442.9	434.0
Wholesale and retail trade	663.6	657.9	649.7	645.8	654.3	714.2	708.9	706.5	708.7	709.6
Transport and storage	276.0	277.4	285.1	284.3	280.7	285.5	289.5	296.0	297.9	292.2
Finance, property and business services	252.8	254.4	249.2	261.9	254.6	268.1	269.8	267.8	274.4	271.0
Community services	327.9	310.9	329.1	328.6	324.2	349.2	341.3	358.1	357.9	351.6
Recreation, personal and other services	129.4	126.7	122.9	128.9	127.0	160.3	159.1	152.7	157.8	157.5
Other industries	394.5	390.2	387.7	388.4	390.2	400.4	397.1	393.8	393.5	396.2
Total employed	3,710.5	3,698.8	3,701.1	3,720.2	3,707.7	3,893.6	3,908.3	3,904.5	3,931.2	3,909.4
MARRIED WOMEN										
Agriculture and services to agriculture	32.8	30.3	32.0	32.3	31.9	69.7	65.9	69.1	70.0	68.7
Manufacturing	168.7	178.3	165.2	174.9	171.8	214.3	221.0	215.4	227.0	219.4
Construction	11.3	11.0	11.0	7.9	10.3	38.8	38.6	37.8	34.3	37.4
Wholesale and retail trade	162.8	171.3	161.5	176.9	168.1	307.7	317.0	310.0	333.0	316.9
Transport and storage	17.0	18.2	15.8	17.3	17.1	30.3	31.0	31.3	31.6	31.1
Finance, property and business services	64.8	67.5	70.9	73.4	69.2	120.3	118.2	119.1	120.7	119.6
Community services	207.9	195.7	202.8	213.1	204.9	354.1	356.3	364.8	383.0	364.6
Recreation, personal and other services	57.1	51.6	48.9	50.0	51.9	135.3	137.5	132.5	137.8	135.8
Other industries	57.0	49.4	47.5	53.0	51.7	75.6	70.8	67.2	71.1	71.2
Total employed	779.4	773.3	755.6	798.9	776.8	1,346.1	1,356.3	1,347.2	1,408.5	1,364.5
ALL FEMALES										
Agriculture and services to agriculture	43.4	38.8	39.4	40.6	40.6	85.6	78.8	80.3	82.6	81.8
Mining	5.5	*	*	*	4.5	6.5	5.1	4.8	5.5	5.5
Manufacturing	246.2	253.2	249.7	263.2	253.1	297.5	303.7	307.0	321.3	307.4
Construction	18.0	17.7	17.4	15.2	17.1	47.3	46.0	44.4	42.1	45.0
Wholesale and retail trade	303.9	322.3	308.5	320.6	313.8	505.8	531.1	517.7	550.1	526.2
Transport and storage	34.4	36.1	31.9	34.3	34.2	49.5	51.3	48.4	50.5	49.9
Finance, property and business services	161.9	154.6	157.5	155.2	157.3	226.7	215.2	215.3	209.2	216.6
Community services	398.3	371.8	385.2	401.9	389.3	574.3	564.7	582.3	610.3	582.9
Recreation, personal and other services	99.6	94.6	90.7	90.6	93.9	208.8	214.5	213.9	220.1	214.3
Other industries	103.7	99.7	98.8	107.6	102.5	123.5	124.7	122.7	127.8	124.7
Total employed	1,414.8	1,392.7	1,383.0	1,433.4	1,406.0	2,125.4	2,135.0	2,136.9	2,219.4	2,154.2
PERSONS										
Agriculture and services to agriculture	306.2	302.0	319.8	320.5	312.1	366.7	361.8	375.7	378.5	370.7
Forestry, fishing and hunting	25.7	25.8	20.3	21.0	23.2	28.5	29.3	23.6	25.0	26.6
Mining	83.0	83.4	80.6	79.9	81.7	84.9	85.1	82.3	82.0	83.6
Manufacturing	1,127.4	1,147.4	1,144.3	1,143.0	1,140.5	1,194.5	1,216.9	1,220.8	1,221.2	1,213.4
Construction	437.5	437.5	423.3	441.9	435.1	479.7	485.4	465.9	485.0	479.0
Wholesale and retail trade	967.5	980.2	958.2	966.4	968.1	1,220.0	1,240.1	1,224.2	1,258.8	1,235.8
Transport and storage	310.4	313.5	317.0	318.6	314.9	335.0	340.7	344.4	348.3	342.1
Finance, property and business services	414.7	408.9	406.7	417.1	411.9	494.8	484.9	483.1	487.6	487.6
Community services	726.2	682.7	714.3	730.6	713.5	923.5	906.1	940.4	968.2	934.6
Recreation, personal and other services	228.9	221.3	213.6	219.5	220.8	369.2	373.6	366.5	377.8	371.8
Other industries	497.6	488.8	486.2	495.4	492.0	522.2	519.4	514.5	518.2	518.6
Total employed	5,125.3	5,091.5	5,084.2	5,153.7	5,113.7	6,018.9	6,043.3	6,041.5	6,150.6	6,063.6

(a) See paragraph 24 concerning change in industry classification. (b) Average of February, May, August and November.



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TABLE 27. EMPLOYED PERSONS AGED 15 TO 24 YEARS, BY INDUSTRY (a), 1979  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Industry division	Aged 15-19 years					Aged 20-24 years				
	February	May	August	November	1979(b)	February	May	August	November	1979(b)
MALES										
Agriculture and services to agriculture	26.4	28.4	27.4	27.7	27.5	27.5	31.1	32.4	32.8	31.0
Mining	*	*	4.8	*	*	12.3	9.3	10.7	11.0	10.8
Manufacturing	100.5	103.5	89.9	86.9	95.2	111.4	114.4	116.0	122.1	116.0
Construction	38.8	39.1	36.5	39.0	38.4	64.7	67.3	59.6	57.6	62.3
Wholesale and retail trade	107.5	110.2	111.4	109.8	109.7	107.5	99.7	102.3	92.1	100.4
Transport and storage	13.2	12.2	13.3	14.3	13.3	28.1	28.6	30.4	34.5	30.4
Finance, property and business services	15.8	15.2	14.3	17.2	15.6	39.9	40.2	39.0	43.2	40.6
Community services	9.2	9.2	10.8	9.9	9.8	37.7	37.2	41.7	37.8	38.6
Recreation, personal and other services	20.3	17.7	16.9	17.8	18.2	24.8	24.8	25.1	22.5	24.3
Other industries	19.7	17.2	17.6	16.7	17.8	51.6	46.9	44.1	51.6	48.6
Total employed	355.3	356.9	342.8	343.7	349.7	505.5	499.6	501.4	505.1	502.9
FEMALES										
Agriculture and services to agriculture	6.5	5.0	*	*	4.7	4.9	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	33.1	31.2	30.6	34.1	32.3	38.0	43.2	48.5	45.5	43.8
Construction	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	5.0	5.2	4.6
Wholesale and retail trade	118.4	121.9	115.4	131.5	121.8	71.0	77.2	78.0	82.3	77.1
Transport and storage	*	*	*	5.7	*	9.9	9.7	9.8	7.4	9.2
Finance, property and business services	43.8	40.8	37.0	34.1	38.9	63.3	59.2	61.3	59.0	60.7
Community services	48.0	42.1	39.1	38.7	42.0	119.4	110.0	114.7	112.1	114.1
Recreation, personal and other services	26.2	26.5	27.9	29.0	27.4	31.9	31.8	31.9	35.6	32.8
Other industries	15.8	17.1	15.2	17.0	16.3	33.2	33.9	30.3	32.9	32.5
Total employed	298.4	291.0	274.9	296.5	290.2	375.5	373.7	383.8	383.4	379.1
PERSONS										
Agriculture and services to agriculture	32.9	33.4	30.6	31.7	32.2	32.4	35.5	36.7	36.3	35.2
Forestry, fishing and hunting	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4.6	*
Mining	*	*	5.2	5.0	4.7	14.5	10.7	11.6	12.0	12.2
Manufacturing	133.6	134.7	120.5	121.0	127.5	149.4	157.6	164.6	167.5	159.8
Construction	41.7	42.3	39.5	41.3	41.2	68.7	71.4	64.6	62.8	66.9
Wholesale and retail trade	225.9	232.1	226.8	241.4	231.6	178.5	176.9	180.2	174.4	177.5
Transport and storage	17.0	15.5	16.6	20.1	17.3	38.0	38.4	40.2	41.9	39.6
Finance, property and business services	59.6	56.0	51.3	51.3	54.6	103.2	99.4	100.3	102.2	101.3
Community services	57.2	51.3	49.9	48.7	51.8	157.1	147.3	156.4	149.9	152.7
Recreation, personal and other services	46.5	44.2	44.8	46.8	45.6	56.7	56.5	57.0	58.1	57.1
Other industries	32.5	31.5	31.2	31.4	31.7	79.7	77.0	70.8	78.8	76.6
Total employed	653.7	647.9	617.7	640.1	639.9	881.0	873.3	885.2	888.5	882.0

(a) See paragraph 24 concerning change in industry classification. (b) Average of February, May, August and November.

TABLE 28. EMPLOYED PERSONS AGED 25 YEARS AND OVER, BY INDUSTRY (a), 1979  
(000)

<i>Industry division</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>1979(b)</i>
MALES					
Agriculture and services to agriculture	227.2	223.5	235.6	235.5	230.5
Forestry, fishing and hunting	21.6	22.2	18.0	16.1	19.5
Mining	62.3	66.6	61.9	61.2	63.0
Manufacturing	685.1	695.4	707.9	690.9	694.8
Construction	328.9	332.9	325.4	346.3	333.4
Wholesale and retail trade	499.2	499.0	492.8	506.7	499.4
Transport and storage	244.2	248.6	252.4	249.1	248.6
Finance, property and business services	212.4	214.4	214.5	217.9	214.8
Community services	302.3	294.9	305.6	310.1	303.2
Recreation, personal and other services	115.2	116.6	110.6	117.5	115.0
Other industries	334.2	337.6	335.7	330.9	334.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,032.7</b>	<b>3,051.8</b>	<b>3,060.4</b>	<b>3,082.4</b>	<b>3,056.8</b>
FEMALES					
Agriculture and services to agriculture	74.2	69.3	72.8	75.0	72.8
Manufacturing	226.4	229.3	227.9	241.7	231.3
Construction	40.5	38.7	36.6	34.6	37.5
Wholesale and retail trade	316.4	332.1	324.3	336.4	327.3
Transport and storage	35.8	38.2	35.2	37.3	36.6
Finance, property and business services	119.6	115.2	117.0	116.2	117.0
Community services	406.9	412.6	428.5	459.5	426.9
Recreation, personal and other services	150.8	156.2	154.1	155.5	154.2
Other industries	81.0	78.7	82.0	83.4	81.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,451.6</b>	<b>1,470.3</b>	<b>1,478.2</b>	<b>1,539.5</b>	<b>1,484.9</b>
PERSONS					
Agriculture and services to agriculture	301.5	292.9	308.4	310.5	303.3
Forestry, fishing and hunting	23.1	24.3	19.6	18.7	21.4
Mining	66.2	69.9	65.5	65.0	66.7
Manufacturing	911.5	924.7	935.8	932.6	926.2
Construction	369.3	371.6	361.8	380.9	370.9
Wholesale and retail trade	815.5	831.1	817.1	843.1	826.7
Transport and storage	280.1	286.9	287.6	286.4	285.3
Finance, property and business services	332.0	329.5	331.6	334.1	331.8
Community services	709.2	707.5	734.1	769.6	730.1
Recreation, personal and other services	266.0	272.8	264.7	273.0	269.1
Other industries	409.9	410.8	412.5	408.0	410.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,484.3</b>	<b>4,522.1</b>	<b>4,538.6</b>	<b>4,621.9</b>	<b>4,541.7</b>

(a) See paragraph 24 concerning change in industry classification. (b) Average of February, May, August and November.

TABLE 29. EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY (a) AND BIRTHPLACE, 1979  
(000)

Industry division	Born in Australia					Born outside Australia				
	February	May	August	November	1979(b)	February	May	August	November	1979(b)
MALES										
Agriculture and services to agriculture	252.4	256.6	266.3	267.9	260.8	28.7	26.5	29.1	28.0	28.1
Forestry, fishing and hunting	23.6	22.3	18.3	18.9	20.8	*	4.6	*	*	*
Mining	57.7	58.7	60.9	58.6	59.0	20.8	21.3	16.5	17.8	19.1
Manufacturing	575.7	583.1	579.0	569.9	576.9	321.4	330.2	334.9	330.0	329.1
Construction	298.4	302.5	283.5	299.1	295.9	134.0	136.9	138.0	143.8	138.2
Wholesale and retail trade	538.5	528.7	527.9	527.7	530.7	175.8	180.2	178.6	181.0	178.9
Transport and storage	214.9	219.4	225.6	223.6	220.9	70.6	70.1	70.4	74.2	71.3
Finance, property and business services	206.5	211.5	207.1	211.7	209.2	61.6	58.3	60.7	66.6	61.8
Community services	260.6	260.2	276.0	276.6	268.4	88.6	81.1	82.1	81.3	83.3
Recreation, personal and other services	113.8	115.7	108.7	113.2	112.9	46.5	43.4	44.0	44.6	44.6
Other industries	311.6	309.0	308.0	307.7	309.1	88.8	88.1	85.8	85.8	87.1
Total	2,853.6	2,867.7	2,861.3	2,875.1	2,864.4	1,039.9	1,040.6	1,043.3	1,056.1	1,045.0
FEMALES										
Agriculture and services to agriculture	73.0	67.8	67.9	69.4	69.5	12.6	11.0	12.4	13.2	12.3
Manufacturing	163.6	170.0	176.5	186.6	174.2	133.9	133.7	130.5	134.6	133.2
Construction	35.5	36.2	34.7	30.6	34.3	11.8	9.8	9.7	11.5	10.7
Wholesale and retail trade	389.1	412.0	395.6	425.8	405.6	116.7	119.2	122.1	124.3	120.6
Transport and storage	39.1	41.3	38.5	38.5	39.4	10.4	10.0	10.0	12.0	10.6
Finance, property and business services	177.9	169.4	167.6	166.4	170.3	48.8	45.8	47.7	42.8	46.3
Community services	443.2	434.7	456.9	480.6	453.9	131.0	130.1	125.4	129.7	129.1
Recreation, personal and other services	158.5	165.6	164.7	168.5	164.3	50.4	48.9	49.2	51.5	50.0
Other industries	103.3	100.8	100.9	103.5	102.1	26.6	29.0	26.6	29.8	28.0
Total	1,583.1	1,597.7	1,603.4	1,669.9	1,613.5	542.2	537.3	533.6	549.5	540.7
PERSONS										
Agriculture and services to agriculture	325.4	324.4	334.2	337.3	330.3	41.3	37.4	41.5	41.2	40.4
Forestry, fishing and hunting	25.2	24.4	20.1	21.3	22.8	*	4.9	*	*	*
Mining	62.5	62.2	64.8	62.1	62.9	22.4	22.9	17.5	19.8	20.7
Manufacturing	739.2	753.0	755.4	756.5	751.0	455.2	463.9	465.4	464.6	462.3
Construction	333.9	338.7	318.2	329.7	330.1	145.8	146.6	147.7	155.3	148.9
Wholesale and retail trade	927.6	940.7	923.5	953.5	936.3	292.4	299.4	300.7	305.3	299.5
Transport and storage	254.0	260.6	264.1	262.1	260.2	81.0	80.1	80.3	86.2	81.9
Finance, property and business services	384.4	380.9	374.8	378.1	379.6	110.4	104.1	108.4	109.4	108.1
Community services	703.8	694.9	732.9	757.2	722.2	219.6	211.1	207.5	211.0	212.3
Recreation, personal and other services	272.3	281.4	273.4	281.8	277.2	96.9	92.2	93.2	96.1	94.6
Other industries	408.5	404.2	403.3	405.3	405.3	113.7	115.2	111.2	112.9	113.3
Total	4,436.8	4,465.5	4,464.6	4,545.0	4,478.0	1,582.2	1,577.9	1,576.9	1,605.6	1,585.6

(a) See paragraph 24 concerning change in industry classification. (b) Average of February, May, August and November.

TABLE 30. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED BY EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY (a), 1979

<i>Industry division</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>1979(b)</i>
MALES					
Agriculture and services to agriculture	51.1	50.9	49.6	54.3	51.5
Forestry, fishing and hunting	42.4	41.3	35.8	43.9	41.0
Mining	38.5	38.1	39.5	38.7	38.7
Manufacturing	39.3	39.2	39.6	38.9	39.3
Construction	39.2	38.6	39.5	39.0	39.1
Wholesale and retail trade	41.2	41.4	42.0	41.0	41.4
Transport and storage	39.2	39.8	39.8	39.8	39.7
Finance, property and business services	39.7	39.6	39.9	39.0	39.5
Community services	38.5	37.3	39.8	38.0	38.4
Recreation, personal and other services	38.9	38.9	40.1	39.9	39.4
Other industries	35.3	35.2	35.8	34.9	35.3
Total	40.0	39.9	40.4	40.1	40.1
MARRIED WOMEN					
Agriculture and services to agriculture	30.7	29.6	29.6	32.1	30.5
Manufacturing	33.3	32.9	32.8	31.9	32.7
Construction	18.1	18.9	18.6	16.9	18.2
Wholesale and retail trade	28.8	29.5	29.2	29.8	29.3
Transport and storage	26.2	26.4	24.7	24.9	25.5
Finance, property and business services	27.0	27.6	28.6	28.5	27.9
Community services	29.0	26.9	28.4	28.1	28.1
Recreation, personal and other services	26.3	26.0	25.8	25.1	25.8
Other services	28.8	27.9	29.2	29.0	28.7
Total	28.9	28.4	28.8	28.7	28.7
ALL FEMALES					
Agriculture and services to agriculture	31.4	29.8	30.5	32.7	31.1
Mining	31.6	29.6	35.5	28.3	31.2
Manufacturing	34.1	33.5	33.5	32.8	33.5
Construction	20.8	21.8	20.8	20.3	20.9
Wholesale and retail trade	29.3	29.6	29.6	29.2	29.4
Transport and storage	29.6	29.1	28.8	29.3	29.2
Finance, property and business services	30.7	30.7	31.2	30.5	30.8
Community services	31.1	29.0	30.7	30.3	30.3
Recreation, personal and other services	27.0	26.8	26.2	25.1	26.3
Other industries	31.0	30.3	31.0	31.0	30.8
Total	30.4	29.7	30.2	29.8	30.0
PERSONS					
Agriculture and services to agriculture	46.5	46.3	45.5	49.6	47.0
Forestry, fishing and hunting	40.8	39.8	33.9	41.0	39.0
Mining	38.0	37.6	39.3	38.0	38.2
Manufacturing	38.0	37.8	38.1	37.3	37.8
Construction	37.4	37.0	37.7	37.3	37.3
Wholesale and retail trade	36.3	36.3	36.7	35.8	36.3
Transport and storage	37.8	38.2	38.3	38.2	38.1
Finance, property and business services	35.6	35.6	36.0	35.3	35.6
Community services	33.9	32.1	34.2	33.1	33.3
Recreation, personal and other services	32.2	31.9	32.0	31.3	31.8
Other industries	34.4	34.1	34.7	34.0	34.3
Total	36.6	36.3	36.8	36.4	36.5

(a) See paragraph 24 concerning change in industry classification. (b) Average of February, May, August and November.

TABLE 31. EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY OCCUPATION, 1979  
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Occupation group	Full-time workers					Total				
	February	May	August	November	1979(a)	February	May	August	November	1979(a)
MALES										
Professional, technical, etc.	447.0	425.8	433.6	429.9	434.1	469.5	454.5	463.0	457.8	461.2
Administrative, executive and managerial	317.9	333.0	337.0	355.3	335.8	326.1	339.6	343.9	363.9	343.4
Clerical	324.8	318.2	312.7	320.4	319.0	333.0	327.8	323.1	328.9	328.2
Sales	250.3	250.0	235.3	231.7	241.8	274.2	277.4	266.3	262.2	270.0
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	317.5	318.1	328.4	326.8	322.7	347.0	348.8	351.8	351.3	349.7
Transport and communication	280.1	276.0	280.2	277.3	278.4	293.0	289.5	290.1	289.6	290.6
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.; and miners, quarrymen, etc.	1,582.8	1,591.3	1,583.0	1,589.6	1,586.7	1,636.0	1,651.2	1,640.3	1,652.7	1,645.1
Service, sport and recreation	190.1	186.5	191.0	189.3	189.2	214.7	219.4	226.1	224.8	221.3
Total employed	3,710.5	3,698.8	3,701.1	3,720.2	3,707.7	3,893.6	3,908.3	3,904.5	3,931.2	3,909.4
MARRIED WOMEN										
Professional, technical, etc.	136.3	128.7	132.4	135.1	133.1	213.3	213.3	222.1	228.8	219.4
Administrative, executive and managerial	30.2	25.0	25.3	30.9	27.9	41.1	35.3	36.4	43.4	39.1
Clerical	257.0	252.6	242.7	256.7	252.3	419.8	419.7	413.4	421.9	418.7
Sales	77.3	82.2	77.1	91.2	82.0	155.3	163.0	162.3	186.3	166.7
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	32.8	30.5	32.3	33.4	32.3	69.0	67.0	68.7	72.1	69.2
Transport and communication	17.4	19.1	17.5	16.5	17.6	32.0	33.9	31.0	30.2	31.8
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.; and miners, quarrymen, etc.	135.4	142.9	134.7	137.6	137.7	173.8	176.2	176.2	180.6	176.7
Service, sport and recreation	92.9	92.4	93.7	97.5	94.1	241.7	247.9	237.1	245.4	243.0
Total employed	779.4	773.3	755.6	798.9	776.8	1,346.1	1,356.3	1,347.2	1,408.5	1,364.5
ALL FEMALES										
Professional, technical, etc.	281.9	262.9	265.8	275.6	271.6	377.0	365.6	373.7	390.0	376.6
Administrative, executive and managerial	40.5	38.4	37.9	42.2	39.8	52.7	50.6	50.2	57.3	52.7
Clerical	519.5	504.6	499.1	516.4	509.9	708.9	702.8	705.5	719.4	709.2
Sales	153.1	165.1	155.4	167.7	160.3	272.1	290.7	281.5	309.9	288.6
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	44.5	39.5	40.4	42.1	41.6	85.7	80.7	80.4	84.6	82.9
Transport and communication	31.4	32.6	29.1	29.5	30.7	47.4	50.3	44.7	45.1	46.9
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.; and miners, quarrymen, etc.	189.1	192.2	193.8	197.5	193.2	234.7	233.8	242.6	248.5	239.9
Service, sport and recreation	154.7	157.3	161.6	162.4	159.0	346.8	360.5	358.4	364.6	357.6
Total employed	1,414.8	1,392.7	1,383.0	1,433.4	1,406.0	2,125.4	2,135.0	2,136.9	2,219.4	2,154.2
PERSONS										
Professional, technical, etc.	728.9	688.7	699.4	705.5	705.6	846.6	820.1	836.6	847.8	837.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	358.4	371.4	374.9	397.4	375.5	378.8	390.2	394.1	421.2	396.1
Clerical	844.4	822.8	811.7	836.8	828.9	1,041.9	1,030.5	1,028.6	1,048.2	1,037.3
Sales	403.4	415.1	390.7	399.4	402.2	546.2	568.1	547.8	572.1	558.6
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	362.0	357.6	368.8	368.9	364.3	432.7	429.6	432.2	435.9	432.6
Transport and communication	311.4	308.6	309.3	306.8	309.0	340.4	339.8	334.8	334.7	337.4
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.; and miners, quarrymen, etc.	1,771.9	1,783.5	1,776.8	1,787.1	1,779.8	1,870.7	1,885.0	1,882.9	1,901.2	1,885.0
Service, sport and recreation	344.9	343.8	352.7	351.8	348.3	561.5	579.9	584.5	589.4	578.8
Total employed	5,125.3	5,091.5	5,084.2	5,153.7	5,113.7	6,018.9	6,043.3	6,041.5	6,150.6	6,063.6

(a) Average of February, May, August and November.

TABLE 32. EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY OCCUPATION AND BIRTHPLACE, 1979  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Occupation group	Born in Australia					Born outside Australia				
	February	May	August	November	1979(a)	February	May	August	November	1979(a)
MALES										
Professional, technical, etc.	348.8	339.1	345.9	343.8	344.4	120.7	115.4	117.1	113.9	116.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	244.5	254.0	255.4	265.1	254.8	81.6	85.7	88.4	98.8	88.6
Clerical	271.9	266.8	262.5	259.5	265.2	61.1	61.0	60.6	69.4	63.0
Sales	207.2	208.9	198.1	194.9	202.3	67.0	68.5	68.1	67.2	67.7
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	307.4	309.3	312.8	314.7	311.1	39.7	39.5	39.0	36.6	38.7
Transport and communication	225.0	225.8	224.5	222.1	224.4	68.0	63.8	65.5	67.5	66.2
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.; and miners, quarrymen, etc.	1,105.1	1,112.2	1,103.3	1,115.9	1,109.1	530.9	539.1	537.1	536.9	536.0
Service, sport and recreation	143.7	151.7	158.7	159.0	153.3	71.0	67.7	67.4	65.8	68.0
Total employed	2,853.6	2,867.7	2,861.3	2,875.1	2,864.4	1,039.9	1,040.6	1,043.3	1,056.1	1,045.0
FEMALES										
Professional, technical, etc.	303.1	291.3	301.7	318.2	303.6	74.0	74.4	71.9	71.9	73.1
Administrative, executive and managerial	39.4	35.6	39.1	44.1	39.6	13.3	14.9	11.2	13.2	13.2
Clerical	562.4	562.8	560.1	567.0	563.1	146.5	140.0	145.4	152.4	146.1
Sales	211.4	227.4	219.3	244.1	225.6	60.7	63.3	62.2	65.8	63.0
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	72.2	68.5	66.3	70.6	69.4	13.5	12.2	14.1	14.0	13.5
Transport and communication	37.3	38.4	32.6	35.3	35.9	10.2	11.9	12.1	9.8	11.0
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.; and miners, quarrymen, etc.	114.7	116.9	128.7	132.3	123.2	120.0	116.9	113.9	116.2	116.8
Service, sport and recreation	242.6	256.8	255.6	258.3	253.3	104.2	103.7	102.8	106.3	104.3
Total employed	1,583.1	1,597.7	1,603.4	1,669.9	1,613.5	542.2	537.3	533.6	549.5	540.7
PERSONS										
Professional, technical, etc.	651.9	630.3	647.6	662.0	648.0	194.7	189.8	189.0	185.8	189.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	283.9	289.6	294.5	309.2	294.3	94.9	100.6	99.6	112.0	101.8
Clerical	834.3	829.6	822.6	826.5	828.3	207.6	201.0	206.0	221.8	209.1
Sales	418.6	436.3	417.4	439.1	427.9	127.6	131.8	130.3	133.0	130.7
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	379.6	377.9	379.1	385.3	380.5	53.1	51.7	53.1	50.6	52.1
Transport and communication	262.3	264.2	257.1	257.4	260.3	78.2	75.6	77.6	77.3	77.2
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.; and miners, quarrymen, etc.	1,219.9	1,229.1	1,231.9	1,248.2	1,232.3	650.9	656.0	651.0	653.0	652.7
Service, sport and recreation	386.3	408.5	414.3	417.3	406.6	175.3	171.4	170.2	172.1	172.3
Total employed	4,436.8	4,465.5	4,464.6	4,545.0	4,478.0	1,582.2	1,577.9	1,576.9	1,605.6	1,585.6

(a) Average of February, May, August and November.



TABLE 33. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED BY EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY OCCUPATION, 1979

Occupation group	February	May	August	November	1979(a)
MALES					
Professional, technical, etc.	39.5	38.5	40.3	38.8	39.3
Administrative, executive and managerial	46.6	46.3	47.6	46.7	46.8
Clerical	36.1	36.3	36.0	34.9	35.8
Sales	42.0	41.3	41.3	40.3	41.2
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	47.9	47.9	47.2	51.4	48.6
Transport and communication	40.4	40.0	41.1	40.5	40.5
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.; and miners, quarrymen, etc.	38.1	38.2	38.7	38.1	38.3
Service, sport and recreation	36.4	35.7	36.5	35.7	36.1
Total employed	40.0	39.9	40.4	40.1	40.1
MARRIED WOMEN <i>FEMALES</i>					
Professional, technical, etc.	30.6	27.7	29.7	29.1	29.3
Administrative, executive and managerial	37.1	37.8	37.3	37.3	37.4
Clerical	27.8	27.4	27.8	27.6	27.6
Sales	29.5	30.1	29.5	29.7	29.7
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	30.8	29.5	30.0	32.0	30.6
Transport and communication	25.6	29.0	27.2	25.6	26.9
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.; and miners, quarrymen, etc.	33.3	33.3	32.4	32.2	32.8
Service, sport and recreation	24.4	24.3	24.9	24.9	24.6
Total employed	28.9	28.4	28.8	28.7	28.7
ALL FEMALES					
Professional, technical, etc.	32.8	29.9	32.3	31.9	31.7
Administrative, executive and managerial	37.9	39.6	38.0	38.2	38.4
Clerical	30.3	29.8	30.2	29.5	29.9
Sales	29.1	29.3	29.3	28.8	29.1
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	31.8	29.9	31.0	32.8	31.4
Transport and communication	28.5	30.2	29.4	28.7	29.2
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.; and miners, quarrymen, etc.	34.0	33.5	33.0	32.5	33.2
Service, sport and recreation	25.5	25.5	25.7	25.4	25.5
Total employed	30.4	29.7	30.2	29.8	30.0
PERSONS					
Professional, technical, etc.	36.5	34.7	36.8	35.6	35.9
Administrative, executive and managerial	45.4	45.5	46.4	45.6	45.7
Clerical	32.1	31.9	32.0	31.2	31.8
Sales	35.5	35.2	35.1	34.1	35.0
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	44.7	44.5	44.2	47.8	45.3
Transport and communication	38.7	38.6	39.5	38.9	38.9
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.; and miners, quarrymen, etc.	37.8	37.6	37.9	37.3	37.6
Service, sport and recreation	29.6	29.3	29.9	29.3	29.5
Total employed	36.6	36.3	36.8	36.4	36.5

(a) Average of February, May, August and November.

TABLE 34. EMPLOYED PERSONS : EMPLOYMENT/POPULATION RATIOS, BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS  
(per cent)

		15-19	20-24	25-34	Age group (years)		55-59	60-64	65 and over	Total
					35-44	45-54				
MARRIED MEN										
1979(a)	*	92.3	95.2	95.0	91.5	82.0	54.1	12.2		79.9
1979 -										
January	*	92.1	94.5	93.9	90.1	80.8	54.8	12.3		79.4
February	*	93.0	95.0	94.7	90.8	80.5	56.4	11.3		79.9
March	*	91.8	95.2	95.4	91.7	80.7	54.9	11.4		80.0
April	*	91.9	95.4	95.3	91.7	82.1	54.0	12.0		80.1
May	*	91.6	95.3	94.8	91.7	82.4	53.7	12.0		80.0
June	*	92.3	95.5	95.1	92.1	82.5	54.2	12.3		80.2
July	*	91.6	94.8	95.2	92.1	82.6	53.5	12.9		80.2
August	*	92.1	95.1	94.9	91.6	81.7	53.6	12.1		79.9
September	*	93.4	95.3	95.1	91.9	82.6	53.7	12.4		80.2
October	*	93.2	95.5	95.0	91.7	83.5	53.0	12.8		80.2
November	*	92.8	95.4	95.1	91.7	82.3	53.4	12.7		80.0
December	*	91.4	95.2	95.1	91.4	82.7	53.7	12.5		79.8
OTHER MALES (b)										
1979(a)	53.8	79.9	84.2	81.5	73.3	62.5	43.3	9.0		64.0
1979 -										
January	54.5	80.8	85.6	78.9	70.5	62.1	45.4	9.2		64.4
February	54.4	80.9	85.4	79.3	73.5	61.8	41.8	8.4		64.3
March	55.1	78.9	84.5	82.5	74.1	63.3	40.9	8.7		64.2
April	55.0	78.2	84.3	81.3	73.9	59.4	43.8	9.4		63.9
May	54.3	79.9	83.2	83.1	73.0	58.7	43.0	8.9		63.9
June	52.9	78.5	83.6	82.2	73.2	65.0	45.0	10.1		63.5
July	52.1	79.9	83.6	80.9	73.5	66.1	44.0	8.5		63.2
August	52.3	79.4	83.7	81.7	70.9	64.2	43.9	8.8		63.1
September	52.9	79.9	85.0	82.6	75.4	68.5	42.8	9.5		64.2
October	51.6	80.1	83.9	81.4	75.3	61.1	41.3	8.3		63.3
November	52.4	79.5	83.8	81.2	72.9	60.5	40.9	8.2		63.4
December	57.9	82.7	84.1	83.0	72.9	60.5	46.6	10.0		66.6
ALL MALES										
1979(a)	53.9	83.1	92.5	93.4	89.2	79.3	52.4	11.4		74.5
1979 -										
January	54.7	83.8	92.3	92.0	87.4	78.0	53.4	11.5		74.1
February	54.5	84.1	92.7	93.0	88.5	77.8	54.2	10.5		74.5
March	55.1	82.3	92.6	93.9	89.5	78.1	52.7	10.7		74.5
April	55.0	81.9	92.6	93.7	89.4	78.4	52.3	11.3		74.5
May	54.5	83.0	92.4	93.4	89.3	78.7	52.1	11.2		74.4
June	53.0	82.0	92.5	93.5	89.6	79.9	52.8	11.7		74.4
July	52.3	83.0	92.1	93.5	89.7	80.3	52.0	11.7		74.3
August	52.4	82.8	92.3	93.3	89.0	79.5	52.1	11.3		74.1
September	53.1	83.4	92.7	93.6	89.8	80.9	52.0	11.7		74.7
October	51.8	83.4	92.6	93.4	89.7	80.8	51.3	11.7		74.4
November	52.5	83.0	92.5	93.4	89.3	79.7	51.5	11.6		74.3
December	58.1	84.9	92.4	93.7	89.1	80.0	52.6	11.9		75.3
MARRIED WOMEN										
1979(a)	40.4	51.8	43.5	53.8	43.8	25.0	10.8	2.5		39.5
1979 -										
January	40.7	49.2	41.6	48.8	41.2	25.1	10.5	2.8		37.2
February	37.0	51.0	42.9	52.2	42.9	27.2	10.8	2.7		38.9
March	40.9	51.4	43.7	54.4	42.8	26.5	10.3	2.2		39.5
April	43.4	50.5	43.9	54.4	42.4	25.4	10.5	2.3		39.4
May	42.4	50.3	43.5	54.4	42.5	24.7	11.1	2.0		39.2
June	43.7	52.6	43.6	53.7	43.6	24.5	11.4	2.6		39.6
July	43.2	52.6	43.4	54.4	44.0	25.0	10.5	2.5		39.7
August	37.0	52.3	42.6	54.1	43.3	23.2	11.0	2.8		39.1
September	39.6	53.4	43.3	54.3	45.3	23.7	11.4	2.6		39.9
October	37.7	52.0	44.9	54.9	45.8	24.7	11.1	2.6		40.4
November	39.4	53.0	44.7	55.3	46.2	25.5	11.0	2.6		40.6
December	39.7	53.3	44.0	54.6	45.8	25.0	10.2	2.7		40.1

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates. (b) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced.

TABLE 34. EMPLOYED PERSONS : EMPLOYMENT/POPULATION RATIOS, BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS – *continued*  
(per cent)

	Age group (years)								
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	Total
OTHER FEMALES (b)									
1979(a)	46.8	74.4	69.9	61.1	53.5	33.9	16.5	2.3	41.0
1979 –									
January	49.0	74.8	69.5	58.6	52.7	35.8	14.9	2.4	41.5
February	48.3	75.2	68.3	59.2	53.3	34.6	15.2	2.0	41.0
March	47.4	75.1	70.3	60.9	55.6	34.4	18.1	2.3	41.4
April	47.1	74.6	69.9	61.4	53.9	33.5	17.0	2.1	41.0
May	46.5	74.6	68.0	60.8	52.0	33.9	18.0	2.0	40.6
June	45.3	73.7	70.5	60.7	53.1	34.7	17.9	2.0	40.5
July	45.6	74.3	71.0	58.7	53.1	33.5	17.2	2.1	40.5
August	44.1	74.6	71.4	59.6	54.6	32.9	17.5	2.2	40.3
September	45.9	74.1	69.5	64.1	54.5	33.7	19.1	2.3	41.0
October	45.1	73.3	70.2	63.8	53.3	31.7	15.9	2.9	40.7
November	47.6	73.2	70.4	62.4	53.7	34.4	13.9	2.7	41.4
December	50.4	75.5	69.5	63.0	51.9	34.4	13.7	2.5	42.5
ALL FEMALES									
1979(a)	46.5	63.1	47.6	54.6	45.3	27.0	12.6	2.4	40.0
1979 –									
January	48.5	61.6	45.8	49.9	42.9	27.5	11.8	2.5	38.7
February	47.6	62.6	46.7	53.0	44.4	28.7	12.1	2.3	39.7
March	47.1	62.8	47.8	55.1	44.8	28.2	12.8	2.3	40.2
April	46.9	62.4	47.9	55.2	44.1	27.2	12.6	2.2	40.0
May	46.3	62.2	47.2	55.1	44.0	26.7	13.3	2.0	39.7
June	45.3	63.1	47.7	54.5	45.1	26.7	13.5	2.2	39.9
July	45.4	63.5	47.6	54.8	45.5	26.8	12.7	2.3	40.0
August	43.7	63.7	47.1	54.7	45.0	25.4	13.1	2.4	39.6
September	45.6	63.9	47.4	55.4	46.8	25.8	13.9	2.4	40.3
October	44.8	62.9	48.9	55.9	47.0	26.2	12.7	2.8	40.5
November	47.2	63.3	48.7	56.1	47.3	27.4	12.0	2.7	40.9
December	49.8	64.6	48.1	55.6	46.7	27.0	11.3	2.6	41.0
PERSONS									
1979(a)	50.3	73.1	70.1	74.4	67.8	53.0	31.8	6.2	57.0
1979 –									
January	51.7	72.7	69.1	71.4	65.7	52.6	31.8	6.3	56.2
February	51.2	73.3	69.8	73.5	67.0	53.2	32.4	5.7	56.9
March	51.2	72.6	70.3	74.9	67.7	53.0	32.0	5.8	57.2
April	51.1	72.1	70.3	74.9	67.3	52.7	31.7	6.0	57.0
May	50.5	72.6	69.8	74.7	67.2	52.6	31.9	5.9	56.8
June	49.2	72.6	70.2	74.4	67.9	53.2	32.4	6.2	56.9
July	49.0	73.3	69.9	74.6	68.1	53.4	31.6	6.3	56.9
August	48.1	73.3	69.7	74.4	67.5	52.3	31.8	6.1	56.6
September	49.4	73.7	70.1	74.9	68.8	53.2	32.2	6.3	57.3
October	48.3	73.2	70.8	75.1	68.9	53.4	31.2	6.5	57.2
November	49.9	73.2	70.6	75.2	68.9	53.4	31.0	6.4	57.4
December	54.0	74.8	70.3	75.0	68.5	53.4	31.2	6.5	57.9

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates. (b) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced.

TABLE 35. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY MARITAL STATUS AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR  
FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK

	Number unemployed ('000)					Unemployment rate (per cent)				
	Married men	All males	Married women	All females	All persons	Married men	All males	Married women	All females	All persons
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK										
1979(a)	68.0	197.6	42.5	139.8	337.4	2.5	5.0	5.2	9.0	6.2
1979 -										
January	76.5	235.2	38.4	155.9	391.1	2.8	6.0	4.7	9.8	7.1
February	80.4	229.5	45.5	152.2	381.7	2.9	5.8	5.5	9.7	6.9
March	71.1	206.6	48.2	146.9	353.5	2.6	5.3	5.8	9.4	6.5
April	67.9	202.1	45.4	144.2	346.4	2.5	5.2	5.6	9.4	6.4
May	67.2	197.7	40.0	137.5	335.1	2.5	5.1	4.9	9.0	6.2
June	68.5	192.8	38.3	130.7	323.6	2.5	4.9	4.7	8.5	6.0
July	68.5	188.2	41.4	131.3	319.5	2.5	4.8	5.1	8.6	5.9
August	67.1	182.8	41.7	130.1	312.9	2.5	4.7	5.2	8.6	5.8
September	64.4	184.7	46.8	138.3	323.0	2.3	4.7	5.6	8.9	5.9
October	62.3	178.1	45.1	133.5	311.6	2.3	4.6	5.4	8.6	5.7
November	60.1	171.5	41.8	125.1	296.5	2.2	4.4	5.0	8.0	5.4
December	62.4	202.2	36.8	151.6	353.7	2.3	5.1	4.4	9.4	6.3
LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK										
1979(a)	*	15.1	34.6	52.2	67.3	*	7.0	5.6	6.6	6.7
1979 -										
January	*	14.8	25.4	40.2	55.0	*	7.5	4.8	5.9	6.3
February	*	12.3	40.3	59.9	72.3	*	6.3	6.6	7.8	7.5
March	*	16.5	36.6	54.9	71.4	*	7.7	5.9	6.9	7.1
April	5.0	15.1	38.1	55.3	70.4	5.2	7.0	6.1	6.9	6.9
May	*	13.0	32.2	48.5	61.4	*	5.8	5.2	6.1	6.1
June	*	13.2	34.7	52.6	65.8	*	6.1	5.5	6.6	6.5
July	*	13.4	33.6	49.7	63.0	*	6.4	5.3	6.2	6.2
August	*	13.3	31.9	47.5	60.8	*	6.1	5.1	5.9	6.0
September	*	16.9	37.4	56.6	73.5	*	7.6	6.0	6.9	7.1
October	4.7	17.8	39.0	58.4	76.2	4.8	8.0	6.1	7.0	7.2
November	*	12.4	34.7	51.7	64.1	*	5.5	5.4	6.2	6.0
December	*	22.0	31.1	51.1	73.1	*	9.5	5.0	6.3	7.0
TOTAL										
1979(a)	71.6	212.7	77.0	192.0	404.7	2.5	5.2	5.3	8.2	6.2
1979 -										
January	78.5	250.0	63.8	196.1	446.2	2.8	6.1	4.7	8.7	7.0
February	82.6	241.8	85.7	212.1	453.9	2.9	5.8	6.0	9.1	7.0
March	75.3	223.1	84.8	201.8	425.0	2.7	5.4	5.8	8.6	6.6
April	72.9	217.2	83.5	199.5	416.8	2.6	5.3	5.8	8.5	6.4
May	70.8	210.6	72.2	186.0	396.6	2.5	5.1	5.1	8.0	6.2
June	72.1	206.0	73.0	183.3	389.3	2.6	5.0	5.1	7.9	6.0
July	71.9	201.6	75.0	181.0	382.5	2.5	4.9	5.2	7.7	5.9
August	69.9	196.1	73.6	177.7	373.8	2.5	4.8	5.2	7.7	5.8
September	68.5	201.6	84.3	194.9	396.5	2.4	4.9	5.8	8.2	6.1
October	67.0	195.9	84.1	191.8	387.8	2.4	4.7	5.7	8.0	6.0
November	63.3	183.8	76.5	176.8	360.6	2.2	4.5	5.1	7.4	5.5
December	65.8	224.2	67.9	202.7	426.9	2.3	5.3	4.6	8.3	6.4

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 36. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY AGE  
(<sup>000</sup>)

	Number unemployed ( <sup>000</sup> )						Unemployment rate (per cent)					
	Age group (years) -						Age group (years) -					
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over
MALES												
1979(a)	66.4	47.4	42.1	21.5	18.9	16.4	15.8	8.6	3.8	2.6	2.6	3.2
1979 -												
January	91.1	51.8	44.0	23.7	22.7	16.7	20.4	9.3	4.0	2.9	3.2	3.3
February	76.8	51.8	44.7	24.7	22.5	21.3	17.8	9.3	4.1	3.0	3.2	4.2
March	65.9	52.4	46.5	21.2	20.2	16.9	15.4	9.6	4.2	2.5	2.8	3.4
April	65.6	49.4	42.5	22.7	19.2	17.8	15.4	9.1	3.9	2.7	2.7	3.5
May	59.6	48.6	44.3	22.2	19.4	16.5	14.3	8.9	4.0	2.7	2.7	3.3
June	57.0	46.3	42.8	21.7	21.1	17.1	14.1	8.6	3.9	2.6	2.9	3.3
July	57.3	47.4	45.0	18.1	16.4	17.4	14.3	8.6	4.1	2.2	2.3	3.4
August	59.2	45.5	40.2	20.3	17.2	13.8	14.7	8.3	3.7	2.4	2.4	2.7
September	62.3	46.0	38.3	20.9	18.2	16.0	15.2	8.4	3.5	2.5	2.5	3.1
October	61.6	40.8	39.1	22.9	16.6	15.1	15.4	7.4	3.5	2.7	2.3	2.9
November	56.4	39.6	37.6	19.8	16.6	13.7	14.1	7.3	3.4	2.4	2.3	2.7
December	84.5	48.9	40.6	19.8	16.4	14.1	18.2	8.6	3.7	2.3	2.3	2.7
FEMALES												
1979(a)	76.0	38.0	39.6	21.1	13.6	*	20.6	9.1	6.8	4.4	3.9	*
1979 -												
January	89.1	38.1	34.3	18.8	11.9	*	22.7	9.4	6.2	4.4	3.6	*
February	81.8	43.7	48.3	22.1	12.2	*	21.5	10.4	8.4	4.8	3.6	*
March	79.2	38.9	44.2	22.2	14.7	*	21.1	9.4	7.5	4.7	4.2	*
April	75.6	38.8	42.6	21.5	17.1	*	20.4	9.4	7.3	4.5	5.0	*
May	72.9	41.1	36.6	20.8	11.1	*	20.0	9.9	6.4	4.3	3.3	*
June	73.3	37.4	35.4	21.5	12.1	*	20.5	9.0	6.1	4.5	3.5	*
July	67.7	36.1	36.6	22.3	14.8	*	19.1	8.6	6.3	4.6	4.2	*
August	70.6	33.3	37.5	19.9	13.3	*	20.4	8.0	6.5	4.2	3.8	*
September	74.1	39.1	39.2	21.0	17.9	*	20.5	9.2	6.7	4.3	4.9	*
October	72.1	36.3	42.6	23.6	13.7	*	20.4	8.7	7.1	4.8	3.8	*
November	63.8	36.6	37.8	21.2	13.3	*	17.7	8.7	6.3	4.3	3.7	*
December	91.9	36.9	39.8	18.5	11.2	*	22.7	8.6	6.7	3.8	3.1	*
PERSONS												
1979(a)	142.4	85.4	81.7	42.6	32.5	20.0	18.1	8.8	4.9	3.3	3.1	3.0
1979 -												
January	180.2	90.0	78.3	42.5	34.6	20.7	21.4	9.4	4.8	3.4	3.3	3.1
February	158.5	95.5	93.0	46.8	34.7	25.4	19.5	9.8	5.5	3.6	3.3	3.8
March	145.2	91.3	90.8	43.4	34.9	19.5	18.1	9.5	5.4	3.3	3.3	3.0
April	141.2	88.2	85.1	44.2	36.3	21.8	17.7	9.2	5.0	3.4	3.4	3.3
May	132.5	89.7	80.9	43.0	30.5	20.0	17.0	9.3	4.8	3.3	2.9	3.0
June	130.3	83.7	78.2	43.1	33.2	20.7	17.1	8.7	4.7	3.3	3.1	3.1
July	125.0	83.5	81.6	40.3	31.3	20.9	16.6	8.6	4.9	3.1	2.9	3.1
August	129.7	78.8	77.7	40.2	30.5	16.9	17.4	8.2	4.6	3.1	2.9	2.6
September	136.4	85.1	77.5	41.8	36.1	19.6	17.7	8.7	4.6	3.2	3.3	2.9
October	133.6	77.1	81.7	46.5	30.3	18.6	17.7	8.0	4.8	3.5	2.8	2.8
November	120.2	76.3	75.4	41.0	29.9	17.8	15.8	7.9	4.4	3.1	2.8	2.6
December	176.4	85.7	80.4	38.3	27.6	18.4	20.3	8.6	4.7	2.9	2.6	2.7

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 37. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK, BY AGE

	Number unemployed ('000)						Unemployment rate (per cent)					
	Age group (years) -						Age group (years) -					
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over
MALES												
1979(a)	58.7	45.0	40.7	20.8	18.3	14.1	19.9	9.4	4.0	2.6	2.7	3.2
1979 -												
January	83.2	48.3	42.5	22.9	22.4	15.8	21.3	9.1	4.0	2.9	3.3	3.5
February	69.9	50.2	43.0	24.7	22.1	19.5	18.7	9.4	4.0	3.0	3.2	4.3
March	59.1	49.1	43.6	20.0	19.6	15.3	16.4	9.4	4.1	2.5	2.8	3.4
April	59.9	45.9	40.8	21.1	18.3	16.2	16.6	8.9	3.8	2.6	2.6	3.6
May	53.5	46.5	43.2	21.9	18.7	13.8	15.2	8.9	4.1	2.7	2.7	3.1
June	51.1	44.0	42.1	21.5	19.9	14.3	14.8	8.6	3.9	2.6	2.9	3.1
July	51.5	45.6	42.6	17.3	16.2	15.0	15.0	8.7	4.0	2.1	2.3	3.3
August	52.7	43.0	38.9	19.8	16.5	12.0	15.6	8.3	3.6	2.4	2.4	2.6
September	52.7	44.3	37.4	20.2	17.5	12.5	15.4	8.5	3.5	2.5	2.5	2.7
October	52.1	38.5	38.0	22.0	16.1	11.5	15.6	7.4	3.5	2.7	2.3	2.5
November	48.8	38.6	36.6	19.3	16.2	12.0	14.8	7.5	3.4	2.3	2.3	2.6
December	70.0	46.2	39.4	18.7	16.1	11.7	18.2	8.6	3.7	2.3	2.3	2.5
FEMALES												
1979(a)	63.7	31.2	23.2	11.5	8.3	*	29.2	9.7	6.9	4.6	4.1	*
1979 -												
January	79.0	33.3	22.9	11.4	7.1	*	25.1	9.4	6.4	4.4	3.3	*
February	69.9	34.3	28.1	10.4	7.7	*	23.5	9.5	7.9	4.0	3.7	*
March	65.8	31.8	27.4	11.4	9.1	*	22.5	9.0	7.7	4.4	4.3	*
April	62.8	32.9	24.1	12.0	10.1	*	22.2	9.4	6.9	4.6	4.9	*
May	61.2	32.8	21.9	13.1	6.5	*	22.1	9.4	6.3	4.9	3.2	*
June	60.3	31.4	19.6	10.8	7.1	*	21.8	8.8	5.6	4.2	3.5	*
July	57.7	29.5	22.6	10.1	9.5	*	21.4	8.3	6.3	3.9	4.5	*
August	60.2	27.8	21.2	11.4	8.0	*	22.7	7.8	6.0	4.4	4.0	*
September	61.0	30.5	23.5	10.6	10.8	*	22.4	8.6	6.5	4.0	4.9	*
October	56.3	29.5	23.3	13.8	8.7	*	21.5	8.5	6.3	5.1	4.1	*
November	53.0	29.9	19.9	12.1	8.4	*	19.8	8.5	5.4	4.4	3.9	*
December	77.0	30.7	24.3	10.7	6.6	*	25.2	8.5	6.5	3.9	3.1	*
PERSONS												
1979(a)	122.4	76.2	63.9	32.3	26.6	16.0	23.8	9.5	4.7	3.1	3.0	3.0
1979 -												
January	162.2	81.6	65.4	34.4	29.5	18.1	23.0	9.2	4.6	3.3	3.3	3.3
February	139.9	84.5	71.1	35.1	29.8	21.3	20.8	9.5	5.0	3.3	3.3	3.9
March	124.9	80.8	71.1	31.4	28.7	16.7	19.2	9.3	5.0	2.9	3.2	3.1
April	122.7	78.8	65.0	33.1	28.3	18.5	19.1	9.1	4.6	3.1	3.1	3.4
May	114.7	79.4	65.1	35.0	25.2	15.7	18.3	9.1	4.6	3.2	2.8	2.9
June	111.4	75.4	61.7	32.3	27.0	15.8	17.9	8.7	4.3	3.0	3.0	2.9
July	109.2	75.1	65.1	27.4	25.6	17.0	17.9	8.5	4.6	2.6	2.8	3.1
August	112.9	70.8	60.0	31.2	24.5	13.6	18.7	8.1	4.2	2.9	2.8	2.5
September	113.7	74.8	60.9	30.9	28.3	14.5	18.5	8.5	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.6
October	108.4	68.0	61.3	35.8	24.8	13.4	18.2	7.8	4.2	3.3	2.7	2.4
November	101.7	68.6	56.5	31.3	24.6	13.8	17.0	7.9	3.9	2.9	2.7	2.5
December	146.9	76.9	63.7	29.4	22.7	14.1	21.3	8.6	4.4	2.7	2.5	2.5

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 38. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK, BY AGE (a)

	Number unemployed ('000)					Unemployment rate (per cent)				
	Age group (years) –					Age group (years) –				
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45 and over
FEMALES										
1979(b)	12.3	6.8	16.3	9.6	7.1	16.6	11.9	7.9	4.7	3.5
1979 –										
January	10.1	4.9	11.4	7.4	6.5	12.9	9.0	5.9	4.3	3.5
February	11.8	9.4	20.2	11.7	6.7	14.4	15.8	9.2	5.8	3.2
March	13.4	7.1	16.8	10.7	6.9	16.0	11.3	7.4	5.0	3.3
April	12.7	5.9	18.4	9.6	8.7	14.6	9.6	7.8	4.5	4.2
May	11.7	8.2	14.8	7.6	6.2	13.5	12.6	6.6	3.6	3.0
June	12.9	6.0	15.8	10.7	7.2	15.9	9.9	7.0	5.0	3.3
July	9.9	6.6	14.1	12.2	6.9	11.8	10.6	6.3	5.5	3.2
August	10.4	5.5	16.3	8.6	6.8	12.9	8.8	7.3	3.9	3.2
September	13.1	8.5	15.7	10.4	8.9	14.8	12.5	7.2	4.7	4.1
October	15.7	6.8	19.2	9.9	6.7	17.3	10.0	8.4	4.4	3.0
November	10.9	6.7	17.9	9.1	7.1	11.8	9.6	7.8	4.1	3.2
December	15.0	6.2	15.5	7.8	6.6	15.0	8.9	7.0	3.7	3.2
PERSONS										
1979 (b)	20.1	9.2	17.8	10.3	9.9	15.3	11.2	7.5	4.7	3.6
1979 –										
January	18.0	8.4	12.9	8.1	7.6	13.3	10.6	5.8	4.3	3.0
February	18.7	11.1	21.9	11.7	8.9	13.4	13.0	8.7	5.4	3.3
March	20.3	10.5	19.7	11.9	9.1	13.5	11.7	7.5	5.2	3.2
April	18.5	9.4	20.1	11.1	11.3	12.1	10.6	7.5	4.8	4.0
May	17.8	10.3	15.8	8.0	9.5	11.7	11.0	6.1	3.5	3.4
June	18.9	8.3	16.5	10.9	11.2	13.5	9.2	6.4	4.6	3.8
July	15.7	8.4	16.5	12.9	9.5	11.1	9.7	6.4	5.3	3.3
August	16.9	8.0	17.6	9.0	9.3	11.7	8.5	6.9	3.8	3.3
September	22.7	10.2	16.6	11.0	13.0	14.5	10.6	6.6	4.6	4.5
October	25.2	9.1	20.3	10.7	10.8	16.0	9.5	7.8	4.4	3.7
November	18.5	7.7	18.9	9.7	9.3	11.4	7.8	7.2	4.0	3.1
December	29.5	8.8	16.7	8.9	9.3	16.3	8.8	6.7	3.9	3.3

(a) Estimates for males aged 15-19 years are available from Table 5, page 28. Estimates for males for all other age groups are below 4,500 and, although they may be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable. See page 89, paragraph 14. (b) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 39. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY (a) OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, 1979

Industry division or subdivision (a)	Number unemployed ('000)					Unemployment rate (per cent)				
	February	May	August	November	1979(b)	February	May	August	November	1979(b)
MALES										
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	171.4	154.0	146.0	129.3	150.2	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.7
Agriculture and services to agriculture	11.1	9.3	8.5	7.4	9.1	3.8	3.2	2.8	2.4	3.1
Manufacturing	47.2	42.8	42.7	40.5	43.3	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.6
Food, beverages and tobacco	10.3	10.8	11.6	7.6	10.1	6.5	7.1	7.6	5.1	6.6
Metal products	6.3	6.9	7.5	7.0	6.9	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.9	3.8
Other manufacturing	30.6	25.1	23.6	25.9	26.3	5.0	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.3
Construction	35.3	26.8	26.2	22.5	27.7	7.5	5.7	5.9	4.8	6.0
Wholesale trade	10.6	11.1	10.0	8.1	10.0	4.0	4.1	3.8	2.9	3.7
Retail trade	23.6	23.5	20.2	15.5	20.7	4.9	4.9	4.3	3.4	4.4
Transport and storage	9.0	6.7	5.7	6.7	7.0	3.0	2.3	1.9	2.2	2.3
Finance, property and business services	5.8	*	*	*	*	2.1	*	*	*	*
Community services	6.0	7.0	6.1	5.8	6.2	1.7	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.7
Recreation, personal and other services	10.6	10.3	10.7	8.7	10.1	6.2	6.1	6.6	5.2	6.0
Other industries	12.4	12.3	11.5	10.9	11.8	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.3
Stood down	*	*	*	*	*	..	..	..	..	..
Other (c)	66.5	54.9	47.4	52.1	55.2	..	..	..	..	..
Total	241.8	210.6	196.1	183.8	208.1	5.8	5.1	4.8	4.5	5.1
FEMALES										
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (d)	100.2	91.2	86.0	83.9	90.3	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.6	4.0
Manufacturing	17.5	17.5	16.0	16.5	16.9	5.5	5.4	5.0	4.9	5.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	*	4.5	*	5.1	4.5	*	8.8	*	8.5	8.3
Other manufacturing (e)	11.8	11.6	10.4	10.1	11.0	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.1	4.5
Wholesale trade	4.8	*	5.8	*	4.5	4.7	*	5.4	*	4.2
Retail trade	27.2	23.5	21.7	20.4	23.2	6.3	5.2	5.0	4.4	5.2
Finance, property and business services	5.8	8.5	4.9	7.0	6.6	2.5	3.8	2.2	3.3	3.0
Community services	18.3	15.1	13.1	14.1	15.2	3.1	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.5
Recreation, personal and other services	16.2	13.9	14.3	12.2	14.2	7.2	6.1	6.3	5.3	6.2
Other industries	10.3	9.3	10.2	9.7	9.9	3.2	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.1
Stood down	5.7	4.9	4.9	*	4.9	..	..	..	..	..
Other (c)	106.3	89.9	86.8	88.7	92.9	..	..	..	..	..
Total	212.1	186.0	177.7	176.8	188.2	9.1	8.0	7.7	7.4	8.0
PERSONS										
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	271.5	245.2	232.0	213.2	240.5	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.8
Agriculture and services to agriculture	14.2	11.9	11.8	10.2	12.0	3.7	3.2	3.1	2.6	3.1
Manufacturing	64.6	60.3	58.7	57.0	60.2	5.1	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.7
Food, beverages and tobacco	14.6	15.3	15.7	12.7	14.6	7.0	7.5	7.6	6.1	7.1
Metal products	7.6	8.2	9.0	8.3	8.3	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.0
Other manufacturing	42.4	36.7	34.0	36.0	37.3	5.0	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.3
Construction	35.8	28.3	27.0	22.8	28.5	6.9	5.5	5.5	4.5	5.6
Wholesale trade	15.4	14.6	15.8	12.0	14.5	4.2	3.9	4.3	3.1	3.8
Retail trade	50.7	47.0	42.0	35.9	43.9	5.5	5.1	4.6	3.9	4.8
Transport and storage	11.4	9.4	7.0	8.9	9.2	3.3	2.7	2.0	2.5	2.6
Finance, property and business services	11.6	12.7	9.2	10.3	11.0	2.3	2.6	1.9	2.1	2.2
Community services	24.3	22.0	19.1	19.9	21.3	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.2
Recreation, personal and other services	26.8	24.1	25.0	20.9	24.2	6.8	6.1	6.4	5.2	6.1
Other industries	16.6	14.8	16.4	15.2	15.8	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.5
Stood down	9.7	6.7	7.6	6.7	7.7	..	..	..	..	..
Other (c)	172.8	144.7	134.2	140.8	148.1	..	..	..	..	..
Total	453.9	396.6	373.8	360.6	396.2	7.0	6.2	5.8	5.5	6.1

(a) See paragraph 24 concerning change in industry classification. (b) Average of February, May, August and November. (c) Had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job or had not done so in the last two years. Industry was not obtained for these persons. (d) Includes females whose last full-time job was in agriculture and services to agriculture, construction, and transport and storage – details for which are not shown separately. (e) Excludes metal products.

TABLE 40. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BY OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB, 1979

Occupation group	Number unemployed ('000)					Unemployment (per cent)				
	February	May	August	November	1979(a)	February	May	August	November	1979(a)
MALES										
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (b)	171.4	154.0	146.0	129.3	150.2	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.2	3.7
Professional, technical, etc.	6.2	6.2	5.6	*	5.6	1.3	1.4	1.2	*	1.2
Administrative, executive and managerial	5.0	*	*	*	*	1.5	*	*	*	*
Clerical	7.6	*	5.5	*	5.0	2.2	*	1.7	*	1.5
Sales	10.6	10.0	7.0	7.9	8.9	3.7	3.5	2.6	2.9	3.2
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	16.0	14.0	14.0	10.7	13.7	4.4	3.8	3.8	2.9	3.8
Transport and communication	12.0	6.7	9.5	8.2	9.1	3.9	2.3	3.2	2.8	3.0
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	101.4	97.0	88.5	79.3	91.6	6.0	5.7	5.2	4.7	5.4
Service, sport and recreation	10.7	11.0	12.5	11.0	11.3	4.7	4.8	5.2	4.7	4.9
Stood down	*	*	*	*	*	..	..	..	..	..
Other (c)	66.5	54.9	47.4	52.1	55.2	..	..	..	..	..
Total	241.8	210.6	196.1	183.8	208.1	5.8	5.1	4.8	4.5	5.1
FEMALES										
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (b)	100.2	91.2	86.0	83.9	90.3	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.6	4.0
Professional, technical, etc.	10.7	8.3	6.4	7.2	8.2	2.8	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.1
Clerical	26.8	24.3	24.0	23.2	24.6	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.4
Sales	19.4	18.9	16.0	15.8	17.5	6.6	6.1	5.4	4.8	5.7
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	16.4	15.6	16.3	15.8	16.0	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.0	6.3
Service, sport and recreation	21.3	18.8	17.5	17.3	18.7	5.8	5.0	4.6	4.5	5.0
Stood down	5.7	4.9	4.9	*	4.9	..	..	..	..	..
Other (c)	106.3	89.9	86.8	88.7	92.9	..	..	..	..	..
Total	212.1	186.0	177.7	176.8	188.2	9.1	8.0	7.7	7.4	8.0
PERSONS										
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years (b)	271.5	245.2	232.0	213.2	240.5	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.8
Professional, technical, etc.	16.8	14.6	11.9	11.5	13.7	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.6
Administrative, executive and managerial	6.1	4.5	5.7	*	5.1	1.6	1.1	1.3	*	1.3
Clerical	34.3	27.7	29.5	26.9	29.6	3.2	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.8
Sales	29.9	28.9	23.0	23.7	26.4	5.2	4.8	4.0	4.0	4.5
Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	18.8	16.7	16.9	13.1	16.4	4.2	3.8	3.8	2.9	3.7
Transport and communication	13.7	8.5	10.7	10.0	10.7	3.9	2.4	3.1	2.9	3.1
Tradesmen, production process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	117.8	112.6	104.8	95.1	107.6	6.0	5.7	5.4	4.8	5.5
Service, sport and recreation	32.0	29.8	29.9	28.3	30.0	5.4	4.9	4.9	4.6	4.9
Stood down	9.7	6.7	7.6	6.7	7.7	..	..	..	..	..
Other (c)	172.8	144.7	134.2	140.8	148.1	..	..	..	..	..
Total	453.9	396.6	373.8	360.6	396.2	7.0	6.2	5.8	5.5	6.1

(a) Average of February, May, August and November. (b) For males and females includes miners, quarrymen etc. and for females also includes administrative, executive and managerial, farmers, fishermen, timber-getters etc., and transport and communication, details of which are not shown separately. (c) Had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job or had not done so in the last two years. Occupation was not obtained for these persons.

TABLE 41. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BORN IN AUSTRALIA, BY AGE

	Number unemployed ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	15-19 years	20-24 years	25 years and over	15-19 years	20-24 years	25 years and over
MALES						
1979(a)	55.9	38.1	59.2	15.1	8.2	2.7
1979 -						
January	78.3	41.4	62.1	20.1	8.9	2.9
February	65.6	42.2	64.7	17.3	9.1	3.0
March	54.3	42.4	61.9	14.5	9.1	2.8
April	54.1	39.1	62.9	14.5	8.6	2.9
May	51.8	39.5	64.1	14.1	8.5	2.9
June	47.3	36.7	61.4	13.2	8.1	2.8
July	47.9	37.1	60.7	13.6	8.0	2.8
August	49.5	35.0	54.9	13.9	7.6	2.5
September	51.5	36.8	55.5	14.3	8.0	2.5
October	52.9	32.9	56.8	14.9	7.2	2.6
November	47.3	34.4	51.8	13.4	7.5	2.4
December	69.8	40.0	54.0	17.2	8.4	2.5
FEMALES						
1979(a)	63.5	29.9	49.3	20.0	8.6	4.5
1979 -						
January	73.2	28.5	41.8	21.5	8.5	4.1
February	68.1	32.8	55.4	20.7	9.5	5.2
March	68.3	30.1	54.4	20.9	8.8	5.0
April	63.8	30.5	56.7	19.8	8.9	5.2
May	61.9	31.3	43.6	19.6	9.2	4.0
June	63.5	28.7	47.0	20.4	8.2	4.3
July	56.2	29.0	46.6	18.6	8.2	4.3
August	57.8	25.6	46.7	19.5	7.3	4.3
September	60.9	31.9	50.7	19.6	8.9	4.5
October	60.2	30.0	52.2	19.8	8.5	4.6
November	52.2	29.2	49.2	16.9	8.2	4.3
December	75.5	30.8	47.5	21.6	8.5	4.2
PERSONS						
1979(a)	119.3	68.0	108.5	17.4	8.4	3.3
1979 -						
January	151.4	70.0	104.0	20.7	8.8	3.3
February	133.7	75.0	120.1	18.9	9.3	3.7
March	122.6	72.5	116.4	17.5	9.0	3.5
April	117.9	69.6	119.6	17.0	8.7	3.6
May	113.7	70.9	107.7	16.6	8.8	3.3
June	110.8	65.4	108.4	16.5	8.1	3.3
July	104.2	66.1	107.2	15.9	8.1	3.3
August	107.2	60.6	101.6	16.4	7.5	3.1
September	112.4	68.6	106.2	16.8	8.4	3.2
October	113.1	62.9	108.9	17.2	7.7	3.3
November	99.6	63.6	100.1	15.1	7.8	3.0
December	145.4	70.8	101.5	19.3	8.4	3.0

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 42. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA, BY AGE

	Number unemployed ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	15-19 years	20-24 years	25 years and over	15-19 years	20-24 years	25 years and over
MALES						
1979(a)	10.6	9.2	39.6	21.1	10.6	4.1
1979 -						
January	12.9	10.4	44.9	22.4	11.6	4.7
February	11.2	9.6	48.5	21.3	10.2	5.0
March	11.6	10.0	42.9	22.3	12.1	4.5
April	11.6	10.2	39.4	21.7	12.0	4.1
May	7.8	9.1	38.3	16.0	10.8	4.0
June	9.8	9.6	41.4	21.7	11.0	4.3
July	9.4	10.4	36.2	20.3	12.3	3.7
August	9.7	10.4	36.6	21.6	12.1	3.8
September	10.8	9.2	37.8	22.0	10.3	3.9
October	8.6	7.8	36.8	18.8	9.0	3.7
November	9.1	5.2	36.0	18.9	6.1	3.7
December	14.6	8.9	36.8	24.7	9.9	3.7
FEMALES						
1979(a)	12.5	8.2	28.6	24.8	12.0	6.1
1979 -						
January	15.9	9.6	27.1	30.2	13.1	5.9
February	13.7	10.9	31.3	26.7	14.6	6.6
March	10.9	8.7	29.3	22.4	12.1	6.2
April	11.7	8.4	28.4	23.9	11.8	6.0
May	11.0	9.7	28.4	23.3	13.3	6.1
June	9.7	8.8	25.5	20.7	13.1	5.4
July	11.4	7.1	30.7	22.8	10.7	6.4
August	12.8	7.7	27.1	25.9	11.6	5.8
September	13.2	7.2	31.0	26.1	11.1	6.5
October	11.9	6.3	31.3	23.9	10.0	6.6
November	11.6	7.5	27.1	22.3	11.5	5.7
December	16.4	6.0	26.4	29.3	9.2	5.6
PERSONS						
1979(a)	23.1	17.4	68.3	23.0	11.2	4.7
1979 -						
January	28.8	20.0	72.0	26.1	12.3	5.1
February	24.9	20.5	79.8	23.9	12.1	5.6
March	22.5	18.8	72.2	22.4	12.1	5.0
April	23.3	18.6	67.8	22.7	11.9	4.7
May	18.8	18.8	66.7	19.6	12.0	4.7
June	19.5	18.3	66.9	21.2	11.9	4.7
July	20.8	17.4	66.9	21.6	11.6	4.6
August	22.5	18.2	63.6	23.8	11.9	4.4
September	24.0	16.4	68.8	24.0	10.7	4.7
October	20.5	14.1	68.1	21.5	9.4	4.7
November	20.7	12.7	63.1	20.7	8.5	4.3
December	31.0	14.9	63.2	26.9	9.6	4.4

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 43. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT  
(<sup>000</sup>)

	Duration of unemployment (weeks)								
	Under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 65	65 and under 78	78 and over	Total
MALES									
1979 (a)	39.2	32.4	26.6	36.1	24.8	26.2	*	23.1	212.7
1979 -									
January	43.8	60.6	34.2	36.6	27.6	24.3	*	19.2	250.0
February	41.8	39.3	40.9	36.2	27.7	25.9	5.4	24.7	241.8
March	36.9	30.1	34.6	42.7	24.3	25.9	5.2	23.4	223.1
April	38.9	33.2	22.4	50.2	21.5	24.5	5.7	20.9	217.2
May	32.4	31.3	24.2	43.7	23.7	25.1	7.1	23.2	210.6
June	35.2	26.8	25.4	36.5	29.2	24.4	*	24.4	206.0
July	32.7	30.4	23.6	31.6	29.0	25.7	*	24.9	201.6
August	35.5	28.6	24.5	31.4	29.2	23.5	*	20.2	196.1
September	39.9	27.5	19.5	32.7	27.6	28.4	*	22.9	201.6
October	32.5	25.2	26.4	30.6	20.8	32.2	*	23.8	195.9
November	34.9	23.2	21.3	28.9	18.2	29.9	*	25.1	183.8
December	65.7	32.8	22.4	31.6	18.8	25.1	*	24.9	224.2
FEMALES									
1979 (a)	45.1	28.7	23.3	33.0	22.4	20.4	*	16.4	192.0
1979 -									
January	45.5	50.4	26.0	24.4	18.7	19.8	*	10.2	196.1
February	61.4	38.5	34.9	27.9	15.5	19.1	*	12.6	212.1
March	45.3	33.3	31.1	35.7	19.4	19.2	*	14.7	201.8
April	42.5	25.1	27.7	50.0	16.2	17.5	*	16.4	199.5
May	35.4	25.5	18.6	49.5	19.4	15.4	4.6	17.5	186.0
June	42.3	20.9	18.9	36.5	27.2	18.1	*	15.8	183.3
July	34.9	24.0	16.0	32.9	34.6	18.9	*	18.2	181.0
August	39.9	22.8	19.4	29.6	31.2	14.9	*	16.4	177.7
September	43.7	26.6	22.5	31.5	25.0	25.5	*	18.1	194.9
October	44.5	27.1	23.5	27.0	20.5	26.4	*	20.2	191.8
November	41.9	20.6	19.6	27.8	21.0	25.4	*	18.6	176.8
December	63.3	29.7	21.9	23.4	20.2	24.6	*	18.1	202.7
PERSONS									
1979 (a)	84.2	61.1	50.0	69.1	47.2	46.6	6.9	39.6	404.7
1979 -									
January	89.3	111.0	60.2	60.9	46.4	44.1	5.0	29.4	446.2
February	103.2	77.8	75.8	64.1	43.2	45.0	7.6	37.3	453.9
March	82.3	63.4	65.7	78.4	43.6	45.1	8.5	38.1	425.0
April	81.4	58.3	50.1	100.2	37.7	42.0	9.8	37.3	416.8
May	67.8	56.8	42.7	93.2	43.1	40.5	11.7	40.8	396.6
June	77.4	47.7	44.3	73.0	56.3	42.5	7.9	40.2	389.3
July	67.6	54.4	39.6	64.4	63.6	44.6	5.2	43.1	382.5
August	75.4	51.4	43.9	60.9	60.4	38.4	6.6	36.7	373.8
September	83.6	54.2	42.0	64.2	52.7	53.8	5.0	41.0	396.5
October	77.0	52.4	49.9	57.6	41.4	58.6	6.9	44.0	387.8
November	76.8	43.8	40.8	56.7	39.2	55.4	*	43.7	360.6
December	129.1	62.5	44.4	55.0	38.9	49.7	*	43.0	426.9

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.



TABLE 44. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : AVERAGE (MEAN) DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, BY AGE, ETC.  
(weeks)

	Age (years)				Total (a)	Married	Not married (b)	Looking for -	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-54				Full-time work	Part-time work
MALES									
1979 (c)	23.0	26.2	27.3	36.9	29.8	33.4	28.0	30.5	21.0
1979 -									
January	16.2	21.3	24.5	31.8	23.5	27.0	21.9	24.4	9.8
February	21.3	25.6	27.2	32.9	29.2	31.8	27.9	29.9	16.4
March	22.6	25.5	23.3	40.4	29.9	33.2	28.2	30.9	17.8
April	23.3	21.2	25.0	36.1	29.1	34.4	26.5	30.2	14.8
May	25.0	27.6	25.7	38.3	30.7	35.5	28.3	30.9	27.7
June	25.5	27.0	27.8	39.6	31.3	36.2	28.6	31.8	23.9
July	23.8	28.4	28.3	45.4	31.9	33.8	30.9	32.9	18.5
August	24.4	24.9	26.7	33.4	28.7	32.1	26.8	29.2	21.7
September	25.3	28.0	29.9	30.5	30.4	32.2	29.5	30.7	27.3
October	26.0	28.6	28.7	36.9	32.3	35.4	30.7	32.0	35.6
November	26.5	30.9	32.1	36.3	33.4	34.3	32.9	34.1	24.4
December	16.1	25.1	28.2	40.7	27.1	34.5	24.0	28.6	13.6
FEMALES									
1979 (c)	24.9	27.9	20.5	30.5	26.1	22.8	28.4	29.1	18.0
1979 -									
January	17.3	21.2	19.1	26.3	20.0	19.2	20.4	21.6	13.8
February	20.6	21.4	17.7	27.9	21.5	18.8	23.3	24.0	15.2
March	22.0	24.1	19.7	31.4	23.7	21.9	25.0	27.1	14.7
April	25.2	25.9	18.4	27.6	25.5	19.7	29.6	29.0	16.2
May	27.8	27.6	22.9	32.2	27.9	23.8	30.6	30.8	20.0
June	27.4	28.4	18.9	36.1	27.7	23.7	30.4	31.1	19.3
July	27.9	30.9	22.5	32.1	29.5	25.9	32.1	32.4	21.9
August	27.2	32.0	18.5	32.9	28.1	24.0	31.0	30.6	21.2
September	25.9	32.4	20.8	26.9	27.2	22.6	30.7	30.9	18.1
October	27.5	28.2	22.0	31.3	27.9	24.3	30.7	32.0	18.5
November	29.0	29.9	23.0	29.7	28.4	24.7	31.1	32.1	19.4
December	20.6	33.0	22.0	31.7	25.2	24.8	25.4	27.6	18.2
PERSONS									
1979 (c)	24.0	26.9	24.0	33.9	28.0	27.9	28.2	29.9	18.6
1979 -									
January	16.7	21.3	22.1	29.6	22.0	23.5	21.3	23.3	12.7
February	21.0	23.7	22.3	30.8	25.6	25.2	25.9	27.6	15.4
March	22.2	24.9	21.6	36.2	27.0	27.2	26.8	29.3	15.4
April	24.3	23.3	21.7	32.0	27.4	26.5	27.9	29.7	15.9
May	26.6	27.6	24.4	35.6	29.4	29.6	29.3	30.9	21.6
June	26.6	27.6	23.8	38.1	29.6	29.9	29.4	31.5	20.2
July	26.1	29.5	25.7	38.5	30.8	29.8	31.4	32.7	21.2
August	25.9	27.9	22.8	33.2	28.4	27.9	28.7	29.8	21.3
September	25.6	30.0	25.3	28.7	28.8	26.9	30.0	30.8	20.2
October	26.8	28.4	25.2	34.2	30.1	29.2	30.7	32.0	22.5
November	27.8	30.4	27.5	33.1	30.9	29.1	32.1	33.2	20.3
December	18.4	28.5	25.1	36.6	26.2	29.6	24.7	28.1	16.8

(a) Includes persons aged 55 years and over, details for whom are not shown separately. (b) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced.  
(c) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 45. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : MEDIAN DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, BY AGE, ETC.  
(weeks)

	Age (years)				Total (a)	Married	Not married (b)	Looking for –	
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-54				Full-time work	Part-time work
MALES									
1979 –									
January	7.9	10.2	11.8	19.5	11.0	13.8	10.1	11.8	5.0
February	11.2	12.0	12.2	20.8	12.9	17.0	12.2	13.6	7.0
March	13.5	12.6	13.1	24.5	16.0	19.5	14.3	17.1	6.4
April	16.9	12.9	13.7	20.4	16.7	18.6	16.0	17.6	7.2
May	17.2	13.9	15.0	24.4	18.2	20.2	17.3	18.8	10.4
June	17.7	16.1	15.5	24.3	18.6	19.8	18.1	19.0	12.1
July	14.7	14.5	15.6	29.6	18.8	19.1	18.7	20.0	6.4
August	16.0	13.4	13.9	19.9	16.9	18.1	16.3	17.5	7.6
September	16.6	18.6	15.7	17.9	18.5	18.8	18.4	19.1	7.8
October	15.8	16.7	18.3	21.5	18.9	20.5	18.1	19.8	8.4
November	16.2	15.6	21.0	20.8	18.7	21.0	17.8	19.4	9.6
December	6.4	10.4	14.5	22.0	11.0	18.8	8.8	12.5	3.4
FEMALES									
1979 –									
January	8.2	8.6	8.3	9.5	8.4	7.4	9.1	9.9	5.4
February	10.6	8.9	6.0	6.7	8.9	5.9	10.6	10.7	4.7
March	14.5	9.8	8.1	11.9	11.6	8.3	14.2	14.8	5.8
April	17.6	12.4	9.9	11.5	14.2	9.9	17.6	17.0	7.5
May	19.3	15.8	11.7	13.9	16.5	9.8	19.6	18.7	9.3
June	20.4	16.6	9.8	13.0	16.4	9.9	20.7	20.4	7.6
July	23.5	19.9	15.7	12.7	19.1	11.7	24.0	22.8	7.8
August	19.8	18.2	10.0	13.2	16.0	10.1	21.1	19.7	7.8
September	18.7	13.5	10.0	13.5	14.9	10.1	19.7	19.3	8.2
October	18.9	14.0	10.0	11.2	13.4	10.1	19.4	19.5	7.4
November	18.0	18.3	11.8	15.3	16.0	12.5	19.1	19.7	10.2
December	7.6	12.8	9.9	15.1	9.9	11.1	9.2	11.3	6.5
PERSONS									
1979 –									
January	8.0	9.6	14.5	12.6	9.9	10.6	9.6	11.0	5.3
February	10.9	10.9	8.3	13.0	11.0	9.7	11.5	12.2	5.1
March	14.1	11.6	10.2	18.0	13.2	12.0	14.3	16.1	5.9
April	17.3	12.6	11.4	15.4	15.4	12.4	16.8	17.4	7.4
May	18.4	15.0	13.2	19.3	17.3	14.3	18.6	18.7	9.6
June	19.4	16.3	12.7	19.0	17.5	13.4	19.3	19.6	8.4
July	19.8	16.8	15.7	20.2	19.0	14.4	21.2	21.3	7.5
August	18.0	15.5	11.7	16.3	16.4	12.9	18.5	18.4	7.7
September	17.8	16.4	11.8	15.8	16.7	12.6	19.0	19.2	8.1
October	17.3	15.3	12.6	15.8	16.3	12.8	18.6	19.7	7.6
November	17.1	16.8	15.8	17.3	17.3	15.4	18.4	19.5	10.1
December	7.0	11.4	12.0	19.5	10.5	14.2	9.0	12.0	5.1

(a) Includes persons aged 55 years and over, details for whom are not shown separately. (b) Comprises never married, widowed and divorced.

TABLE 46. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, BY AGE  
(000)

	Age group (years)									Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70 and over	
MALES										
1979 (a)	235.0	54.5	44.0	36.1	65.4	63.7	127.7	193.3	311.1	1,130.8
1979 -										
January	203.7	45.5	43.2	44.7	75.6	66.8	124.4	190.8	304.3	1,098.9
February	219.4	43.8	38.5	35.4	67.7	65.0	121.4	193.9	306.8	1,091.9
March	228.6	53.6	37.4	31.3	62.3	67.0	125.5	196.6	308.9	1,111.3
April	228.9	59.7	41.7	31.6	63.4	65.9	126.1	192.2	311.1	1,120.6
May	238.5	53.7	43.1	34.8	64.3	66.2	127.6	193.2	311.1	1,132.4
June	250.5	62.0	42.6	34.8	60.0	61.4	126.8	192.8	308.9	1,139.8
July	254.8	55.2	46.1	38.5	63.6	59.6	128.3	192.6	310.9	1,149.7
August	252.7	58.6	48.5	38.2	68.7	64.4	130.1	194.3	312.5	1,167.9
September	244.9	54.8	45.1	34.9	61.1	58.8	129.2	193.5	312.5	1,134.7
October	254.0	59.9	45.7	35.3	63.7	60.8	131.1	193.2	313.7	1,157.2
November	254.4	64.0	49.2	37.9	66.3	63.9	132.5	193.3	316.0	1,177.6
December	190.0	43.2	46.9	36.2	68.3	64.0	128.8	192.8	317.0	1,087.4
MARRIED WOMEN										
1979 (a)	15.8	132.6	514.2	324.9	342.3	208.9	183.2	144.8	146.8	2,013.6
1979 -										
January	16.8	145.1	535.7	360.6	365.1	203.9	186.2	144.7	143.9	2,101.9
February	18.2	137.3	512.3	332.6	353.1	200.7	188.0	145.5	137.2	2,024.9
March	14.8	137.4	504.9	317.5	349.6	202.9	184.2	147.8	143.5	2,002.7
April	16.0	137.7	505.4	318.3	350.3	205.0	182.2	146.0	147.0	2,007.9
May	15.3	138.9	519.0	319.6	352.9	209.7	183.3	148.6	148.6	2,035.9
June	13.0	130.0	515.3	324.8	344.5	211.0	180.0	145.5	145.3	2,009.4
July	15.6	129.9	518.0	319.4	339.0	210.2	183.6	143.4	145.2	2,004.3
August	16.1	129.0	523.9	324.5	346.0	213.4	182.1	141.0	144.8	2,020.8
September	15.0	123.2	515.6	323.8	325.5	216.2	179.9	141.7	149.3	1,990.2
October	15.6	128.0	499.7	316.3	325.3	211.0	181.5	141.4	154.4	1,973.1
November	15.5	126.2	507.7	316.4	326.2	210.1	181.1	145.2	152.2	1,980.7
December	17.5	128.6	513.2	325.2	329.5	212.8	186.7	147.2	150.4	2,011.1
ALL FEMALES										
1979 (a)	259.9	184.4	557.1	357.0	392.1	258.8	263.2	259.4	508.7	3,041.5
1979 -										
January	233.4	191.6	577.4	393.7	412.8	251.6	266.4	253.6	500.7	3,081.1
February	246.0	180.7	554.2	365.9	400.9	248.2	265.0	255.9	502.7	3,019.6
March	253.7	183.9	547.1	347.8	395.8	253.5	262.2	257.6	504.7	3,006.5
April	258.6	186.9	549.3	349.0	398.1	256.8	262.5	259.8	506.3	3,027.2
May	265.1	185.8	564.1	351.5	404.6	259.8	260.6	261.3	508.4	3,061.3
June	270.8	184.0	559.2	356.6	395.2	260.8	259.4	260.2	509.0	3,055.4
July	275.3	183.8	560.7	354.0	389.5	260.1	262.7	260.0	510.2	3,056.2
August	283.0	185.7	566.6	358.7	394.0	265.9	261.7	261.1	509.7	3,086.4
September	267.6	178.7	563.1	352.9	376.4	264.8	259.7	260.1	511.9	3,035.2
October	275.0	187.9	543.9	347.2	378.6	263.3	264.0	260.7	510.7	3,031.3
November	267.7	185.6	552.1	348.8	376.5	259.7	265.7	260.7	513.5	3,030.2
December	223.0	177.8	558.0	357.4	383.1	261.5	268.3	261.7	516.7	3,007.5
PERSONS										
1979 (a)	495.0	238.9	602.0	393.1	457.5	322.5	390.9	452.7	819.8	4,172.3
1979 -										
January	437.1	237.0	620.5	438.4	488.4	318.4	390.7	444.4	805.0	4,180.0
February	465.4	224.6	592.7	401.3	468.6	313.2	386.5	449.7	809.5	4,111.5
March	482.3	237.6	584.5	379.1	458.1	320.5	387.8	454.2	813.7	4,117.7
April	487.5	246.6	591.0	380.7	461.5	322.6	388.6	452.0	817.4	4,147.8
May	503.7	239.5	607.2	386.3	468.9	325.9	388.2	454.6	819.4	4,193.6
June	521.4	246.0	601.9	391.4	455.2	322.2	386.2	453.1	817.9	4,195.2
July	530.2	239.0	606.7	392.5	453.1	319.7	391.0	452.6	821.1	4,205.9
August	535.7	244.4	615.1	396.9	462.7	330.3	391.8	455.3	822.1	4,254.3
September	512.4	233.5	608.2	387.9	437.4	323.6	388.9	453.6	824.4	4,170.0
October	529.0	247.9	589.6	382.5	442.3	324.1	395.1	453.9	824.3	4,188.5
November	522.1	249.6	601.2	386.7	442.9	323.6	398.2	454.0	829.5	4,207.8
December	413.0	221.1	604.9	393.6	451.4	325.5	397.2	454.5	833.8	4,094.9

(a) Average of 12 monthly estimates.

TABLE 47. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE  
(000)

	<i>Permanently unable to work</i>			<i>In institutions (a)</i>			<i>Aged 15-20 years attending school</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
1978 (b)	23.8	16.5	40.2	59.8	89.6	149.4	199.7	179.7	379.4
1979 (c)	23.0	18.5	41.5	66.4	86.8	153.2	189.0	180.6	369.7
1978 -									
February (d)	24.7	17.6	42.3	52.9	79.5	132.5	171.3	156.6	327.9
March	24.0	18.5	42.6	53.4	86.6	140.0	189.9	164.0	353.9
April	24.6	16.8	41.4	57.4	89.8	147.2	201.6	164.0	365.5
May	23.2	16.0	39.1	54.4	94.6	149.1	198.0	168.0	366.0
June	23.0	18.3	41.3	57.9	93.4	151.2	206.9	179.4	386.2
July	23.9	16.7	40.6	61.1	94.6	155.7	216.3	188.7	405.0
August	19.4	15.6	35.0	64.7	90.2	154.8	208.1	189.6	397.6
September	22.9	14.4	37.3	65.6	95.7	161.3	213.8	199.9	413.7
October	24.1	14.3	38.4	64.9	90.6	155.4	215.6	204.8	420.3
November	25.1	15.4	40.5	70.0	86.7	156.7	221.3	211.0	432.2
December	26.6	17.5	44.1	55.7	83.7	139.4	154.4	151.2	305.6
1979 -									
January	22.6	16.7	39.3	62.6	85.2	147.8	153.8	153.6	307.4
February	25.7	15.3	41.0	65.2	84.5	149.6	171.1	166.9	338.0
March	23.9	16.1	40.0	65.0	88.0	153.0	177.1	173.3	350.5
April	23.5	17.9	41.4	70.6	86.4	157.0	181.4	174.1	355.5
May	21.9	19.9	41.8	71.5	82.4	153.9	188.1	177.1	365.2
June	19.5	17.0	36.5	68.6	83.4	152.0	202.2	188.5	390.7
July	22.0	20.0	42.0	67.6	86.2	153.8	204.5	193.2	397.7
August	20.1	17.4	37.5	74.0	89.1	163.1	205.0	200.1	405.1
September	24.4	21.0	45.3	66.6	92.5	159.2	205.2	195.5	400.7
October	20.8	17.5	38.3	60.0	87.6	147.5	215.3	201.4	416.8
November	26.4	22.0	48.4	63.9	85.9	149.9	212.3	194.9	407.2
December	25.5	20.7	46.1	60.8	90.3	151.1	152.3	148.8	301.1

(a) Persons (except live-in staff) resident in hospitals, homes (e.g. convalescent), prisons and reformatories at the time of the survey. (b) Average of 11 monthly estimates. (c) Average of 12 monthly estimates. (d) Estimates are not available for earlier periods.

## GROSS FLOWS

In order to minimise respondent fatigue and at the same time maintain continuity within the population survey sample, one eighth of the dwellings in the sample (except the large non-private dwellings) are replaced after each survey. Adoption of this rotation procedure, whereby about seven eighths of the sample remains unchanged from one month to the next, enables more reliable measurements of changes in the labour force characteristics of the population to be made than would be possible if a new sample were introduced each month.

Because a high proportion of private dwellings selected in one survey remains in the sample for the following survey, it is possible to match the characteristics of most of the persons in those dwellings from one month to the next, to record any changes that occur, and hence to produce estimates of 'flows' between the different categories of the population and labour force.

The procedures used to select persons in non-private dwellings preclude the possibility of matching any of them who may be included in successive surveys. For this and other reasons, including the mobility of the population and non-response in either or both surveys, about 10 per cent of persons in those dwellings which are included in the sample in successive months cannot be matched. Those who can be matched represent about 80 per cent of all persons in the survey.

Changes in the characteristics of this latter group are shown in Table 48. About one half of the remaining (unmatched) 20 per cent of persons in the survey are likely to have characteristics similar to those in the matched group, but the characteristics of the other half are likely to be somewhat different.

Gross flow estimates shown in the following table relate only to those persons in private dwellings for whom information was obtained in successive surveys. The expansion factors used in calculating the estimates were those applying to the second of each pair of months.

Although it is not possible to provide gross flow estimates for all persons in the survey it is considered that the estimates derived from matched records will be a useful guide to the magnitude of the movements between categories which underlie the changes in monthly levels.

While every effort is made to reduce non-sampling errors to a minimum, any such errors affecting employment status will tend to accumulate in the gross flow statistics rather than to cancel out. The estimates are also subject to sampling variability as explained in paragraphs 12 to 15 on page 89. The standard errors may be obtained from Table A on page 91. For these reasons the estimates of flows should be used with caution.

TABLE 48. ESTIMATES OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS IN SUCCESSIVE MONTHS, AND GROSS CHANGES (FLOWS), DERIVED FROM MATCHED RECORDS, JULY TO DECEMBER 1979 ('000)

		July to August				August to September			
		Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
Employment status in –									
First of the two months									
Employed	Second of the two months								
	Employed	3,074.1	1,038.5	1,613.2	4,687.3	3,052.5	1,026.6	1,592.3	4,644.8
	Unemployed	25.6	9.2	17.3	42.9	26.9	9.6	19.1	46.0
	Not in the labour force	47.6	67.3	91.0	138.6	35.9	62.8	77.1	113.0
Unemployed	Employed	34.1	11.1	22.1	56.2	39.0	11.9	27.9	66.9
	Unemployed	98.3	25.3	82.4	180.7	90.0	26.4	79.6	169.7
	Not in the labour force	15.5	22.6	37.0	52.5	12.9	21.3	33.2	46.1
Not in the labour force	Employed	40.1	60.4	79.2	119.2	53.4	73.9	101.2	154.6
	Unemployed	18.8	22.7	37.5	56.3	25.0	28.5	49.6	74.6
	Not in the labour force	790.1	1,527.8	2,269.7	3,059.8	765.2	1,501.7	2,215.7	2,980.9
Total flows into:	Employed	74.2	71.6	101.3	175.5	92.4	85.8	129.1	221.5
	Unemployed	44.4	31.9	54.7	99.1	51.9	38.1	68.7	120.5
	Not in the labour force	63.2	89.9	128.0	191.1	48.8	84.1	110.3	159.1
Total flows out of:	Employed	73.2	76.5	108.3	181.5	62.8	72.4	96.2	159.0
	Unemployed	49.6	33.7	59.1	108.7	51.8	33.2	61.1	112.9
	Not in the labour force	58.9	83.2	116.6	175.5	78.3	102.4	150.8	229.2
Total changes of status		181.7	193.3	284.0	465.7	193.0	208.0	308.1	501.1
Population represented by the matched sample		4,144.2	2,784.8	4,249.3	8,393.5	4,100.7	2,762.7	4,195.7	8,296.4

NOTE: When comparing figures for different periods, it is important to take into account the population represented by the matched sample in each period as shown in the last line of the table.

TABLE 48. ESTIMATES OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS IN SUCCESSIVE MONTHS, AND GROSS CHANGES (FLOWS),  
DERIVED FROM MATCHED RECORDS, JULY TO DECEMBER 1979 – *continued*  
(’000)

		September to October				October to November			
		Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
Employment status in – <i>First of the two months</i>	<i>Second of the two months</i>								
Employed	Employed	3,049.5	1,031.4	1,607.2	4,656.7	3,090.1	1,074.9	1,658.6	4,748.7
	Unemployed	24.4	6.5	18.4	42.8	23.3	5.2	13.2	36.5
	Not in the labour force	50.1	70.1	95.4	145.5	47.0	74.7	94.7	141.6
Unemployed	Employed	33.8	14.3	28.2	62.0	34.4	15.1	31.2	65.6
	Unemployed	99.3	28.7	80.4	179.8	89.3	29.2	79.3	168.6
	Not in the labour force	15.9	26.6	43.7	59.6	24.9	22.3	38.7	63.6
Not in the labour force	Employed	33.4	63.6	79.0	112.5	40.9	67.5	93.2	134.2
	Unemployed	18.9	28.3	48.0	66.8	21.0	24.1	43.2	64.2
	Not in the labour force	782.4	1,485.5	2,194.8	2,977.2	787.0	1,478.5	2,189.7	2,976.8
Total flows into:	Employed	67.2	77.9	107.3	174.5	75.3	82.7	124.5	199.8
	Unemployed	43.3	34.8	66.4	109.6	44.2	29.4	56.4	100.6
	Not in the labour force	66.0	96.7	139.2	205.2	71.9	97.0	133.4	205.3
Total flows out of:	Employed	74.5	76.6	113.8	188.3	70.2	79.9	107.9	178.1
	Unemployed	49.7	40.9	72.0	121.7	59.3	37.5	70.0	129.2
	Not in the labour force	52.3	91.9	127.0	179.3	61.9	91.6	136.4	198.3
Total changes of status		176.5	209.4	312.8	489.3	191.4	209.0	314.3	505.7
Population represented by the matched sample		4,107.7	2,755.1	4,195.3	8,303.0	4,157.8	2,791.6	4,241.9	8,399.8

		November to December			
		Males	Married women	All females	Persons
Employment status in – <i>First of the two months</i>	<i>Second of the two months</i>				
Employed	Employed	3,114.0	1,081.8	1,691.1	4,805.1
	Unemployed	26.4	7.5	17.5	43.9
	Not in the labour force	45.9	72.4	91.2	137.0
Unemployed	Employed	30.1	9.8	22.9	53.0
	Unemployed	95.3	25.5	79.6	174.9
	Not in the labour force	15.1	22.7	35.1	50.2
Not in the labour force	Employed	76.0	56.5	87.4	163.4
	Unemployed	48.0	19.7	57.4	105.4
	Not in the labour force	757.1	1,542.3	2,240.7	2,997.8
Total flows into:	Employed	106.2	66.3	110.3	216.5
	Unemployed	74.4	27.2	74.9	149.3
	Not in the labour force	61.0	95.1	126.3	187.3
Total flows out of:	Employed	72.3	79.9	108.7	181.0
	Unemployed	45.2	32.5	58.0	103.3
	Not in the labour force	124.0	76.2	144.8	268.8
Total changes of status		241.6	188.5	311.5	553.1
Population represented by the matched sample		4,207.9	2,838.2	4,322.9	8,530.8

NOTE: When comparing figures for different periods, it is important to take into account the population represented by the matched sample in each period, as shown in the last line of the table.



## TECHNICAL NOTE

### The sample design

The sample used for the labour force survey is based on the population survey master sample, which is designed to permit the selection of samples for any purpose for which a sample of dwellings or persons is appropriate. Since the introduction of labour force surveys three different sample designs have been used, the first covering the period to August 1972, the second the period to August 1977 and the third the period from November 1977. Details of the first two sample designs were given in the previous issue of this publication.

2. A redesign of the sample was undertaken following the 1976 Census of Population and Housing. The new sample was introduced in November 1977, when two surveys were conducted, one using the old sample and the other the new. The proportion of the population included for each State and Territory was unchanged, except for the Australian Capital Territory, where the proportion was increased from one-half to one per cent. Since February 1978 the new sample has been used for all surveys.

3. Because of the difficulty of obtaining and keeping up to date a complete list of dwellings from which to select a sample, the population survey master sample is for the most part a sample of areas, the exception being the sample of non-private dwellings (i.e. certain types of dwellings for which lists are maintained). Since dwellings can readily be associated with the areas in which they are located, the area sample is equivalent to a sample of dwellings. To obtain a sample of persons, rules are adopted which associate each person with one and only one dwelling, either private or non-private. Briefly, these rules are designed so that a person is considered to be at his usual place of residence if it is occupied by one or more of its usual residents at any time during the week in which the survey is conducted and, at the time of the survey, the person is not expected to be absent from it for more than six weeks. In other cases a person is considered to be at the dwelling at which he spends most of the survey week. Modifications to these rules are necessary for dwellings such as hotels and hospitals, which contain a high proportion of transient residents; nevertheless, the rules ensure that each person is given his correct chance of inclusion in the sample.

4. All dwellings in Australia are allocated to a number of mutually exclusive groups called strata, each of which is sampled separately. Private dwellings are separated from non-private dwellings and are divided into metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas, the latter being further divided into urban and rural areas. Dwellings within each of these divisions are grouped into strata according to location and socio-economic considerations. Non-private dwellings are divided between metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas and strata.

5. The sample from the private dwelling strata in metropolitan and other densely populated areas is a self-weighting area sample, the dwellings being selected in three stages. The first stage is the selection of Census Collectors' Districts (CDs), a CD being the area covered by one population census collector; the second, the selection of blocks (areas which can be physically defined by streets or other recognisable features) from within selected CDs; and the third the selection of dwellings within selected blocks. Although the CDs and blocks have different probabilities of inclusion (probabilities approximately proportional to the number of dwellings they contain), the sample is self-weighting, that is, each dwelling (and person) selected in a State or Territory has the same probability of inclusion, the probabilities being as follows — New South Wales and Victoria, 1 in 200; Queensland, 1 in 140; South Australia, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory 1 in 100; Western Australia, 1 in 90; and Tasmania, 1 in 60. However, although, for example, the probability of including any dwelling (or person) in South Australia is one in a hundred, this does *not* imply that exactly one-hundredth of all dwellings or persons are included. The number of dwellings or persons actually included may, by chance, be somewhat more or less than one-hundredth of the total number; certain steps taken to limit the size of this difference and to allow for its possible effect on survey estimates are described in paragraph 8.

6. Outside the densely populated areas, a self-weighting four-stage area sample is generally used, with areas such as towns or rural Local Government Areas being the primary sample units at the first stage of selection and CDs, blocks and dwellings, the units at the subsequent stages. In some small towns the first stage of selection is omitted, the town itself being treated as though it were a single CD. Other modifications to the selection procedure are also made for certain other types or areas, but these affect only a small proportion of sample dwellings.

7. The sample of non-private dwellings in metropolitan and other densely populated areas is a self-weighting two-stage sample design, the sample units at each stage being (i) dwellings and (ii) either persons or accommodation units (e.g. rooms of hotels) within each dwelling. Outside the densely populated areas, a self-weighting three-stage sample design is used, sample units being (i) Local Government Areas or towns in the private dwelling sample (ii) dwellings and (iii) either persons or accommodation units, within each dwelling. Where accommodation units are selected, rules are adopted to ensure that each person associated with the dwelling is associated with only one accommodation unit.

8. The effect of new dwellings, conversions, demolitions, etc. is taken into account in the sample selection procedure. For the private dwelling sample a check is made during each survey on all dwellings within each selected block. New dwellings detected are given the same chance of selection as other dwellings in the same block, so that, taking the sample as a whole, new dwellings also have the correct chance of being selected. Similar procedures exist for buildings converted for use as dwellings. Dwellings demolished or converted to non-dwelling use are removed from the sample. In areas where there has been an unusually rapid rate of growth of private dwellings since the sample was first selected, either very many or very few of the new dwellings will be in sample blocks or in sample CDs. Even though there will be no general tendency for the sample to include too many or too few new dwellings, the effect in particular areas of chance departures from a sample of exactly the correct distribution will be that a disproportionately high or low number of new dwellings will be included in these areas, and as a consequence characteristics of the persons associated with new dwellings will be over-estimated or under-estimated accordingly. To limit such effects, special procedures are adopted to ensure that the sample remains representative, a reselection of CDs being made from the appropriate stratum, if necessary. The lists of non-private dwellings used in the selection of the non-private dwelling sample are brought up to date before each survey by using information available from sources external to the sample. The combined effect of these measures is that during any survey the sample of dwellings represents all dwellings currently in existence in Australia.

9. In order to minimise respondent fatigue and to maintain continuity within the sample, one eighth of the sample is rotated each survey so that each *person* selected is in the survey for a maximum of eight consecutive surveys. For *dwellings* other than large non-private dwellings, this is achieved by replacing one eighth of the selected dwellings. For large non-private dwellings (which are always in sample) one eighth of the selected persons are replaced at each survey.

#### The estimation procedure

10. The term *estimation procedure* refers to the process of expanding the results provided by the survey respondents to produce estimates relating to the survey population. This is done by applying an expansion factor or "weight" to the information supplied by each respondent. Each respondent can be thought of as representing a number of persons in the population equal to the expansion factor. The weights are derived by the use of estimates of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in Australia, classified by State or Territory, part of State (capital city, rest of State), age and sex, produced monthly by the ABS. Within each of these cells the weight is obtained by dividing the population estimate by the number of sample respondents. This weight is then applied to all responding persons in the cell. This procedure ensures that the survey estimates conform to the known distribution of the civilian population aged 15 years and

over by age and sex, while at the same time compensating for any non-response or inherent underenumeration in the sample.

11. The accuracy of survey estimates is affected by failure to obtain information in respect of all persons selected, whether from failure on the part of the interviewer to make contact or from lack of co-operation by respondents. As the extent of this effect is directly proportional to the level of non-response, a high level of response is sought and, in fact, generally about 96 per cent of households fully respond to the survey.

#### Reliability of the estimates

12. Two types of error are possible in an estimate based on a sample survey — sampling error and non-sampling error. The *sampling error* is a measure of the variability that occurs by chance because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from the occupants of a sample of dwellings, the estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling error, that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the surveys. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate, and this is known as the *relative standard error*.

13. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. Standard errors of estimates of numbers of persons for periods since February 1978 are shown in Table A, page 91. For information on standard errors for earlier periods reference should be made to the previous issue of this publication. The figures in Table A will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate, since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics. However, they will provide an indication of the magnitude of the standard error of any particular estimate for any particular survey. An example of the use of Table A is as follows:

From Table A it will be seen that the estimate of 171,500 unemployed males in Australia looking for full-time work in November 1979 has a standard error of about 4,800. Therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will be within the range 166,700 to 176,300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will be within the range 161,900 to 181,100.

14. As the standard errors in Table A show, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates would thus be subject to such high standard error (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this publication, estimates below the levels shown in Table A, and percentages derived from such estimates, have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

15. The movement in the level of an estimate is also subject to sampling variability. The standard error of the movement depends on the levels of the estimates from which the movement is obtained rather than the size of the movement. An indication of the magnitude of standard errors of monthly movements for periods since February 1978 are given in Table B on page 91. For information on standard errors for earlier periods, reference should be made to previous issues of this publication.

16. The estimates of standard errors of monthly movements apply only to estimates of movements between two consecutive months. Movements between corresponding months of consecutive quarters (quarterly movements), corresponding months of consecutive years (annual movements) and two other non-consecutive months, will generally be subject to somewhat higher sampling variability than is indicated in Table B. A guide to the standard errors of *quarterly movements* can be obtained by multiplying the figures in the table of standard errors of monthly movements (Table B) by 1.4. A guide to the standard errors of *annual movements* can be attained by multiplying the figures in the table of standard errors of estimates (Table A) by 1.4. An example of the use of Table B is as follows:

The estimate of movement in the number of unemployed males in Australia looking for full-time work from November to December 1979 is an increase of 30,700. Table B relates the standard error of the monthly movement to the size of the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived. In this case the December 1979 estimate (202,200) is the larger. From Table B it will be seen that the standard error of the monthly movement is about 4,300. Therefore there are about two chances in three that if all dwellings had been included in the surveys the movement would have been within the range 26,400 to 35,000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 22,100 to 39,300.

17. An indication of the magnitude of the standard error of estimates of annual averages (calculated from 12 monthly estimates) can be obtained by multiplying the figure derived from Table A by 0.7. An indication of the magnitude of the standard error of annual averages calculated from estimates for the four months of February, May, August and November can be obtained by multiplying the figure derived from Table A by 0.75.

18. The relative standard errors of estimates of total hours worked, average hours worked, average duration of unemployment, and median duration of unemployment are obtained by first finding the relative standard error of the estimate of the total number of persons contributing to the estimate (see Table A) and then multiplying the figure so obtained by the following relevant factors:

Total hours worked:	1.2
Average hours worked:	0.5
Average duration of unemployment:	1.5
Median duration of unemployment:	2.0

An example of this calculation is as follows:

In November 1979 the estimate of average weekly hours worked by employed married women was 28.7 (from Table 24) and the number of employed married women (from Table 1) was estimated as 1,408,500. From Table A it will be seen that this estimate (1,408,500) has a standard error of about 10,100, and therefore a relative standard error of 0.7 per cent. The *relative standard error* of the estimate of hours worked is calculated by multiplying this figure (0.7) by the appropriate factor shown above (in this case 0.5): 0.7 per cent x 0.5 = 0.35 per cent. The *standard error* of this estimate of average hours worked is 0.1

$$\text{i.e. } 28.7 \times \frac{0.35}{100.0}$$

Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the average hours worked by employed married women that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range of 28.6 to 28.8 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the average will fall within the range 28.5 to 28.9.

19. The standard errors of estimates relating to agricultural employment are generally somewhat higher than the standard errors of other estimates of the same magnitude. Standard errors for capital cities are approximately the same as those for relevant States.

20. The reliability of an estimated percentage or rate, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. However, the relative standard error of the estimated percentage will generally be slightly lower than the relative standard error of the estimate of the numerator.

21. Approximate standard errors of rates or percentages may be derived by first obtaining the relative standard error of the number of persons corresponding to the numerator of this rate or percentage and then applying this figure to the estimated rate or percentage. The relative standard error of the numerator can be obtained from Table A. An example of this calculation is as follows:



The unemployment rate for males in Australia in November 1979 was estimated as 4.5 per cent and the number of unemployed males was estimated as 183,800. From Table A it will be seen that this estimate (183,800) has a standard error of about 5,000 and a relative standard error of about 2.7 per cent. The standard error of the unemployment rate is 0.1

$$\text{i.e. } 4.5 \times \frac{2.7}{100.0}$$

Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the rate that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range 4.4 to 4.6 per cent and about nineteen chances in twenty that the rate will fall within the range 4.3 to 4.7 per cent.

22. Published figures may also be used to estimate the difference between two survey estimates (estimates of numbers, rates or percentages). Such a figure is itself an estimate and is therefore subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two survey estimates depends on the standard errors of the original estimates and on the relationship (correlation) between the two original estimates. An approximate standard error of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

Standard error (x-y) =

$$\sqrt{(\text{Standard error (x)})^2 + (\text{Standard error (y)})^2}$$

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated (unrelated) characteristics or sub-populations it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication. An example of the use of the above formula is as follows:

The estimated number of unemployed females in Australia in November 1979 was 176,800 (Table 1), of whom 76,500 were married. The estimated unemployment rates were 7.4 and 5.1 per cent respectively. The difference between these rates is 2.3 percentage points. The standard error of this difference can be calculated as follows. From Table A and paragraph 21 it can be calculated that the standard error of both rates is approximately 0.2 percent. Therefore the standard error of the difference of 2.3 percentage points is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Standard error (7.4 - 5.1)} \\ &= \sqrt{(0.2)^2 + (0.2)^2} \\ &= 0.3 \end{aligned}$$

Thus there are about two chances in three that the actual difference between these two rates is within the range 2.0 to 2.6 percentage points and nineteen chances in twenty that this difference is within the range 1.7 to 2.9 percentage points.

23. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by respondents, errors made in collection such as in recording and coding of data, and errors made in processing the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the non-sampling error, and they may occur in any statistical collection whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the *non-sampling error* to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

**TABLE A – STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES**

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**TABLE B - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTHLY MOVEMENTS**

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## POPULATION SURVEY REPORTS

Although emphasis in the population survey is placed on the regular collection of data on demographic and labour force characteristics, supplementary and special surveys of particular aspects of the labour force or of other subjects are carried out from time to time. The results of these surveys are published separately.

Title	Catalogue No.
<b>Supplementary surveys</b>	
<b>Australia</b>	
Alcohol and Tobacco Consumption Patterns, February 1977	4312.0
Annual and Long Service Leave, August 1974; May 1979	6317.0
Assisted and Unassisted Migrants, August 1972	3406.0
Birth Expectations of Married Women, November 1976; June 1979	3215.0
Child Care – May 1969; May 1973; May 1977	4402.0
Chronic Illnesses, Injuries and Impairments – May 1968; May 1974	4305.0
Employment Status of Teenagers, August 1978 (a)	6234.0
Evening and Night Work, November 1976	6329.0
Ex-service Personnel, November 1966; November 1971	4403.0
October 1979 (Preliminary)	4404.0
Family Status and Employment Status of the Population, November 1974 and 1975	6223.0
Frequency of Pay – August 1974, 1976 and 1977	6320.0
Health Insurance, March 1979	4335.0
March 1980 (Preliminary)	4341.0
Hearing and the Use of Hearing Aids, September 1978	4336.0
Home Ownership and Rental, November 1978	8710.0
Income Distribution, 1968-69 (Consolidated and Revised Edition)	6505.0
Income Distribution, 1973-74 –	
Part 1 (Tables relating to individuals)	6502.0
Part 2 (Tables relating to families)	6503.0
Part 3 (Supplementary Tables)	6504.0
Internal Migration –	
Conducted each year since 1970 (except 1976); Latest issue, 1979	3408.0
Job Tenure – February 1974; February 1975; August 1976	6211.0
Journey to Work and Journey to School – May 1970; August 1974	9205.0
Labour Force Experience –	
During: 1968; 1972; 1974; 1975; 1976; 1978	6206.0
During 1979 (Preliminary)	6205.0
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, November 1974; July 1979	6224.0
Labour Mobility –	
November 1972; February 1975, 1976 and 1979	6209.0
February 1980 (Preliminary)	6208.0
Leavers from Schools, Universities and Other Educational Institutions –	
Conducted each year since 1964. Latest issue, May 1979	6227.0
Migrants in the Labour Force, 1972 to 1976	6230.0
Multiple Jobholding –	
November 1965; August 1966 and 1967; May 1971; August 1973, 1975, 1977 and 1979	6216.0
Non-School Study Courses, Survey of, August 1968	Not listed
Persons Covered by Hospital and Medical Expenditure Assistance Schemes, August 1972	4303.0
Persons Aged 15 to 64 Years : Employment Status and Period Since Leaving School, May 1976	6225.0
Persons Not in the Labour Force (including Discouraged Jobseekers) –	
November 1975; May 1977; March 1979; September 1979	6220.0
Persons Looking for Work –	
May 1976; November 1976; May 1977; July 1978; July 1979	6222.0
School Leavers, 1970 to 1974 : Their Employment Status and Education Experience in May 1975	6226.0
Superannuation, Survey of, February 1974	6319.0
The Labour Force : Country of Birth and Period of Residence, February 1972	6207.0
The Labour Force : Educational Attainment, Australia, February 1979	6235.0
Trade Union Members, November 1976	6325.0
Unemployed Persons : Income Distribution, Australia, 1978-79 (Preliminary)	6520.0
Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution) – August 1975 to August 1979 (annually)	6310.0
Work Patterns of Employees, November 1976	6328.0

(a) Estimates derived from labour force surveys. For more recent estimates, see Tables 5 to 7 of this publication.



POPULATION SURVEY REPORTS – *continued*

Title	Catalogue No.
<b>Supplementary surveys – <i>continued</i></b>	
<b>States</b>	
Status of Immunity to Diphtheria and Poliomyelitis, Children aged 2 months and under 3 years, and 6 or 7 years, February 1972 (New South Wales)	4304.1
Superannuation, Victoria, May 1968	Not listed
Domestic Appliance and Energy Usage, South Australia, April 1979	8207.4
Use of Health Services, South Australia, 1971	4301.4
Household Energy Sources, Tasmania, August 1975; June 1978	8204.6
Housing Intentions of South Australians, November 1979	8705.4
<b>Special surveys</b>	
Employment Benefits, February to May 1979 (Preliminary)	6332.0
Sight, Hearing and Dental Health (persons aged 2 to 14 years) February – May 1979	4337.0
Survey of Persons Registered with the CES as Unemployed, March 1977	6229.0
Working Conditions, February to May 1979 (Preliminary)	6333.0





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